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FLEMMING CONTROLS IT

The Chatham World, discussing the St. John Globe's proposal that the proceeds of the timberland steal be handed over to the patriotic fund, makes this comment:

"The real question now is, For electoral corruption or patriotism? That is, Shall the fruits of the big graft levy be allowed to be used as a campaign fund, or shall it be used as relief for the families of soldiers who are fighting for the empire? Hon. J. K. Flemming is the only man who can answer The Globe's question. The money was collected by him, through W. H. Berry, and is now in the hands of a treasurer selected by him. It was clearly shown by the evidence taken by the royal commission that he controls it. It was shown that the treasurer, when seriously ill, handed the key of the safety deposit box to Mr. Flemming as a matter of course, asking for no receipt and imposing no conditions. The fund is entirely at the disposal of Mr. Flemming. We suggest to The Globe, which has taken the initiative in asking that this graft product be diverted to the patriotic fund, to send a representative to Woodstock to confer with Mr. Flemming on the subject. Mr. Flemming can dispose of the money as he will."

Early in the spring it was announced in the government press that Premier Flemming intended taking a trip abroad for the benefit of his health. Circumstances over which he had no control compelled him to call the proposed trip off. Had he gone abroad the timberland boodle fund would probably have gone too. A man by the name of Carvell was largely responsible for the change in the premier's plans and it was he who discovered the existence of the fund and put his fellow-citizens wise to it. As The World points out, Flemming is still the custodian of the fund and shows no disposition to let go of it. In a few days the people will probably learn what the royal commission thinks of the premier's conduct. An announcement from the government as to what disposition will be made of Premier Flemming and his boodle fund will then be in order.

ON THE SIDE

The tug of war is sometimes a submarine.

The onslaught of the allies causes many Germans to go in seas.

This constant fluttering without advance must be tiring to the wings of the European armies.

The war correspondent in Europe just now is about as popular as the co-respondent in a divorce case.

When soldiers are shooting at an aeroplane, it is proper to say that the aviator is under fire?

Readers of the war news ought to have become reasonably familiar with the name of the river Aisne, even if they pronounce it like "ainee" old thing.

We note that in Berlin they still call the Russian capital "St. Petersburg." Perhaps it is more immediately important to wonder what the Russians plan to call Berlin.

The Novoe Vremya has opened a subscription to raise a monument to Rheims, to commemorate the bombardment of the cathedral. The monument is already erected in the hearts of men. Civilization will not forget.

Right Hon. Herbert Asquith, premier of Great Britain, has proved himself to be the greatest imperial statesman of his time. In Earl Grey the foreign secretary, Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, and Lord Kitchener, secretary of war, he has singularly able colleagues. It is most fortunate that during the present crisis Great Britain has such a strong and capable government.

Hon. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, has been to the North Sea in consultation with Admiral Jellicoe and as a result there is likely to be something doing before long in naval circles.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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country would sanction any action taken by the councillors for the support of the families of the soldiers who had volunteered for overseas service.

DELEGATION HEARD.

A delegation from the general committee of the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, composed of Mr. A. R. Slipp, M.P.P.; Mr. Geo. A. Taylor and Judge Wilson, were in attendance and it was moved by Dr. Sterling of Stanley, that the delegates be heard.

Mr. Slipp was the first speaker and said the delegation had been appointed to wait upon the councillors and call their attention to the fact that two or three applications for assistance had been received from families residing in the county. He said that no doubt the County Council would take the necessary steps to provide for the needs of these families, and suggested that some sort of organization should be formed in each councillor's community. Mr. Slipp emphasized the fact that there was need for considerable garments, socks and other wearing apparel for the soldiers at the front and felt sure that practically every family residing in the county would be willing to help provide these necessities. Already the women of Fredericton had sent forward over four hundred dollars' worth of material and the work of making these articles at home is still going along steadily. In closing Mr. Slipp said that every British subject had reason to be proud of the part that Great Britain is playing in the present conflict and also of the fact that our own boys will no doubt have a chance to show the Motherland that Canada is prepared to stand at her back until the last drop of blood is shed.

Judge Wilson spoke on the work being done by the Fredericton Patriotic Fund and stated that at a recent meeting a committee was appointed to forward a letter to Dominion Secretary Ames of Ottawa, for information regarding whether assistance from the fund applied to the families of those who had volunteered for home service to the same extent as those who had gone to the front.

Mr. George A. Taylor said that there were two ways of contributing the first by having a local fund and the second by affiliating with the Canadian Patriotic Fund. He stated that Fredericton had decided to contribute to the Canadian fund and thus receive the benefit of the donations by all the large corporations of the Dominion of Canada. According to data received from the fund headquarters at Ottawa, assistance would be rendered families on a systematic scale and each family would be given a minimum of forty-five dollars per month. In cases where allowances were received from other sources, the same would be deducted from the fund's contribution.

The Council then separated until 1.30 p.m.

\$2,000 VOTED

At this afternoon's session of the County Council it was unanimously decided on motion of Dr. Sterling seconded by Councillor C. W. Penl that the sum of \$2000 be contributed to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and if in the meantime local conditions warrant the need of funds before the allowances are received from the general fund the members in which the cases occur, be reimbursed for any outlays made.

THOUSANDS IN BELGIUM FACED BY STARVATION

(Montreal Mail.)

"It is our peaceful Belgium which supports all the horror of this cataclysm," writes Lambert Jadot, a prominent Belgian financier, who is a director of the Acadia coal Company of Nova Scotia, the Belgo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Company of Shawinigan Falls, the Brazeau Collieries of Alberta, and the Canadian General Development Company of Montreal. The words are contained in a letter to H. Zrud'homme, honorary secretary-treasurer of the Montreal branch of the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr. Jadot's letter is dated Ostend, Aug. 26th, and vividly depicts suffering Belgium and her afflicted people. The writer says: "If Canada will take advantage to advertise the emigration of our farmers towards its rich western provinces, the opportunity will be a good one, and Canada will easily obtain a great number of first-class workers whom adversity will have rendered more ardent for work."

Continuing, the letter points out that all Belgium save the enclosure of Antwerp and a small part of Flanders north of a line passing by Termonde and Thourout is in possession of the Germans. "We live, in a nightmare," he writes, "and still it is less frightful than the reality. What will become of us, I dare not think of. You can have no idea of the savage destruction and the atrocities committed by the German soldiers in all the country west of a straight line passing by Louvain and Huy from north to south. Everything is ravaged and thousands of men, women and children have simply been murdered.

MAYOR'S PARTNER HELD AS SPY?

(Chicago Tribune.)

Either a certain coterie of luncheon comrades is operating an international practical joke or Oscar F. Mayor has fallen a-foul of destiny and Mayor Harrison is a seer.

A week ago Mr. Mayor, Mayor Harrison, Charles Hermann, Charles A. Plamondon, and Murray Keller, all cronies, met about the lunch table at the Bismarck, as related by Mr. Hermann last night at his Glencoe home.

ABOUT TO SEPARATE.

"Mr. Plamondon was about to sail for Ireland and Mr. Mayor and the mayor were about to go hunting in Canada," Mr. Hermann said.

"They'll probably arrest Plamondon as a French spy in Ireland and take Mayor for a German spy in Canada," Mayor Harrison said.

"It appeared to suggest something to Mr. Mayor. He took our passports."

ARRESTED AS SPY.

Yesterday Mr. Keller went to Hermann F. Schuetzler, first deputy superintendent of police, and according to that official reported:

"According to a telegram I have received from a friend of Mr. Mayor at Newcastle, New Brunswick, he has been arrested as a spy on British soil."

"Mr. Mayor and Mayor Harrison had left Newcastle and gone about eighty miles out on a hunting expedition. They had a French guide."

SWEARS IN GERMAN; HELD.

"Mr. Mayor speaks both French and German. Before they left Newcastle he told the guide he was a Frenchman."

"Out on the hunt Mr. Mayor fired at a deer but missed his mark."

"He swore in German over his bad luck my telegram says."

"The French guide immediately arrested Mr. Mayor as a German spy, and took him back to Newcastle."

Mr. Keller could not be reached at his residence. Charles Fitzmorris secretary to the mayor, disclaimed knowledge of the affair. At Mr. Mayor's home at 5727 Sheridan road the members of his family said they had heard nothing of his arrest and expressed alarm.

Joseph Winter a lumberman and mayor of the town of Nezaunee, Mich was a member of the hunting party.

HON. W. H. HEARST IS THE NEW PREMIER

Toronto, Oct. 1.—It was officially announced tonight that Hon. W. H. Hearst, minister of lands, forests and mines in the Whitney government and the youngest member of the cabinet, was tonight summoned to Government House and asked by the lieutenant governor to form a new government.

This disposes of the much vexed question as to who would succeed the late Sir James Whitney. Mr. Hearst will continue to hold the portfolio of lands, forests and mines, and the only change in the personnel of the government is the appointment of Findlay G. MacDiarmid, member for West Elgin, to the portfolio of public works, resigned by Hon. De-Beaune. Hon. L. B. Lucas, provincial treasurer, succeeds Hon. J. S. Hendrie, the new lieutenant governor, on the Hydro Electric Commission.

Sir Adam Beck is no longer a member of the government without portfolio, his dropping out being at his own request, on the re-organization of the government. His wish for a long time has been to devote his whole attention to the hydro electric development, with which his name is so prominently associated.

The new premier has represented Sault Ste. Marie since 1908 and entered the cabinet in 1911, in succession to Hon. Frank Cochrane, who at the last dominion election entered the Borden government.

Mrs. Frank Sheppard of Campbellton is visiting relatives in the city.

You cannot imagine the fearful misery in which our beautiful country will be within some weeks; I can assure you without any exaggeration, that our brave farmers of the Ardennes and the Hesbaye will die of hunger by the hundreds, through the absolute impossibility of procuring a piece of bread."

After stating that similar conditions exist in the Brussels, Wareme and Tirmont districts, Mr. Jadot points out that the ravage will not allow this population to procure their living before a year. "It is therefore, in dispensable that from everywhere, charity comes to our help," he writes.

Copies of the letter are being sent by Mr. Prud'homme to citizens likely to subscribe to the Belgian Relief Fund, and it is pointed out by him that even the generous response being made to the appeal in connection with the fund is only a tithe of what the Belgians will need to stave off absolute starvation and misery.

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