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## GERMANY WILL BE HARD HIT

And now, the world is beginning to fear of battles by sea as well as those on land. The German tactics on land have steadily shown them the winners, up to this time. But they have had to fight for every foot of ground, and they have suffered very heavy losses in each advance. It is even possible that they may win their way to Paris, in time, at such tremendous cost. Every available fighting man has been put under arms, and this enormous mass of fighting material outnumbers the force which is trying to defend the French soil. But the German plans seem to go no further than the capture of Paris, and even that seems possible only after a long, severe and exhausting campaign. Will that end the war? If not, what remains for Germany?

Germany cannot go on forever without markets. Germany cannot go on forever without business. Germany cannot go on indefinitely without outside supplies of food. It is not sufficient to itself, even in normal times. With many thousands of its workers disabled, tens of thousands, possibly hundreds of thousands, it must depend upon the outside world for some supplies. And if the German commerce is swept from the seas, what is going to happen, even if Paris is taken? Can the army which is invading France conquer Russia also? It has never been done before. And the campaign in France is going to cost the German army so heavily, from present indications, that it will be nearly exhausted when that campaign is ended, even if it results favorably to Germany.

Meanwhile, so far as the outside world knows, every recent naval battle has gone against the Germans and the Austrians. The boast that "Britannia rules the waves," has been made good. So long as Britain sweeps the sea clean of German commerce, there can be no clear victory for the German forces, for the threat of possible starvation will then loom up before the Kaiser's people. The threat of Russia on the eastern side of the German empire may mean the destruction of some German food supplies. For the importation of food into Germany is usually of greater value than all the rest of its imports, lumped together. And Russia has been its chief source of supply, in the past, although the United States has been a close second, at times.

So far, there has been no decisive naval battle, but it is significant that Great Britain has resumed her commerce, to some extent, while the German commerce is apparently seeking the shelter of neutral ports. If the British sweep and hold the seas, what is likely to happen to Germany, even if Germany meanwhile be victorious on land? The harvests of Europe were expected to be none too plentiful, even before the men were called from the fields for the work of the grim reaper Death. The women are doing what they can, where they can. But it now seems likely that winter will come before all the harvest can be garnered.

The forces of hunger march with no bright banners, no martial music, no pomp and show; but they are more powerful, even, than the greatest army ever drawn up in uniform.

## ON THE SIDE

An optimist is a European war censor passing news about his own army.

Bullets, labelled "Starch," were shipped to Antwerp. Calculated to lay the enemy stiff.

Poor Serbia stands in the position of the Chicago cow that kicked over the lantern.

General Slaughter seems to be the most prominent all along the line.

Nordica left a million-dollar estate. Her notes must have been worth a great deal more than those of some people we know.

The Austrian monarchy claims direct descent from the Caesars. It is dollars to doughnuts they wish they had a Julius with them at the present time.

The most popular cut in beef would be a price cut.

Ours is not a military nation, but there appear to be a lot of strategists around here who got their training somehow.

Also the cost of living was lower in the good old times when the promise of a banana on Saturday would keep a boy good all the week.

Premier Flemming is still claiming that the money he received from lumbermen and contractors was for party purposes. The premier's testimony bears out a report which has been in circulation for some time. He has made up his mind that his colleagues must take their share of responsibility for the booting transactions. They must sink or swim together. If the premier quits the government in the near future it will be under compulsion. He is firmly of the opinion that he has done nothing wrong and has no intention of throwing up the sponge.

Premier Flemming admitted under oath before the royal commission at St. John yesterday that he received \$2,000 from Contractor John Kennedy, but declared that he handed the package unopened to his election committee of the Town of Woodstock. This story may be true but it is doubtful if he can persuade his colleagues in the government to accept it.

## DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

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hands as follows:—Fredericton Brass Band, two concerts, \$40; Fredericton Concert Band, three concerts, \$30, and the 1st Regt. Band, one concert, \$20. Ald. Lemont also stated that the concert to be played at Wilket Park on Sunday afternoon would probably be the last one during the present season.

Ald. Wilkinson moved that a check for \$4,000 be issued in favor of the Board of School Trustees.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ald. Wilkinson presented the report of the Finance Committee, asking the City Council to preserve the city's rights by obliging the lessees of Lots No. 1 and 3 on Queen street to pay an annual rental, even if only nominal, for the use of the alley on the fire station lot, or by the city periodically closing up and preventing for a space of twenty-four hours each year the use of the fire station lot for this purpose. In respect to the renewals of all city leases the committee recommended that notification be given the lessees or present owners of the recently expired leases regarding the action taken by the Council in the matter.

Ald. Walker read a communication from Secretary-Treasurer Bliss asking that the City Council appoint a committee to act in conjunction with a committee from the York County Council in regard to having the administration of justice accounts adjusted. The members of the Finance and Administration of Justice Committees were appointed to represent the City Council.

## AN OVERDRAFT.

Considerable discussion took place over the overdraft in the Roads and Streets Department. Ald. Kitchen, the chairman, said that the department had purchased a new tarria wagon for \$400, a road machine for \$200, real estate for the opening of a new street for \$1,500, while the work on the Maryland Hill road cost the city \$800 and the work on the approach to the Highway Bridge \$322. These expenditures, he said, had caused a slight overdraft in the Roads and Streets Department.

Ald. Kitchen moved that the City Council grant the Roads and Streets Department permission to make an over-expenditure of \$3,000.

The communication from the Victoria Steamship Company asking for exemption from taxation was referred to the Appeals and Assessment Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned.

## "THE SPELLBOUND MULTITUDE"

Selig's great wild animal melodrama "The Adventures of Kathlyn" chapter number nine is being shown at the Gaiety Theatre today, entitled "The Spellbound Multitude," in two acts. It is thrilling and exciting throughout and sustains the interest which is worked to a high pitch. Mary Pickford will also be seen in a fine Biograph comedy drama "Wilful Peggy." Today's programme is in a class by itself. On Friday and Saturday the Gaiety Theatre management has secured a splendid comedy feature with Wallie Van and Lillian Walker in the title role "Cutie's Wife," in two acts by the Vitagraph Company.

## WANTED FLEMMING

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glad to see that Mr. Ted does not attempt to insult the intelligence of the court by saying that he cannot get the books, he merely says that he has not got them. If the books were produced I am confident that we would learn the disposition of the \$350,000, and that we could prove that of that amount \$100,000 had gone into the pockets of Premier Flemming.

Mr. Fowler, in a passionate outburst, denounced Mr. Carvell for his connection with the Central Railway inquiry, and his action today as compared with his patriotic attitude at the recent session of parliament. He also denounced the reference to Mr. Flemming as a dastardly attack without the foundation of a title of evidence.

Mr. Carvell—Produce the books.

Mr. Fowler—The books are not here and if the company would take my advice they would not produce them.

Mr. Carvell—Let us get down to the Dugal charges. Let us drop the war for a while, if that were the issue I would be prepared to go quite as far both as regards parliamentary action or personal sacrifice as Mr. Fowler.

The Chairman—We must face the situation arising from the fact that the books are not here.

Mr. Carvell—As soon as I have looked at the practice I will be prepared to move in the matter.

## PREMIER FLEMMING

Premier Flemming was called by Mr. Carvell and took the stand.

He recounted the preliminary arrangements for the construction of the road and the letting of the contracts. He knew that the Quebec and St. John Construction Company was subletting contracts and to whom. He had conversations with Mr. Gould before the contracts were let.

Q.—Did you have conversations with the sub-contractors before the contracts were let?

A.—I may have.

Q.—Did you have a conversation with Contractor James H. Corbett in Moncton on May 18, 1912?

A.—I don't recollect.

The hotel register was produced to show Mr. Flemming's signature, but it did not seem to refresh his memory.

Q.—Mr. Flemming, did not Mr. Corbett pay you \$10,000 on that day in a room in the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton.

A.—(After a pause), No.

Q.—Did he ever pay you \$10,000?

A.—No.

Q.—Did he not take you into a room in the hotel and put \$10,000 in your grip?

A.—No.

Q.—Did he ever pay to you, or cause to be paid to you, any amount of money?

A.—No.

Q.—Was any money ever left by him or by some one else on his behalf for you.

A.—I cannot say.

Q.—You swear that you never got any money from Mr. Corbett that month.

Mr. Flemming refused to answer, saying that he had already done so.

Mr. Fowler—You are barking up the wrong tree that time.

Mr. Carvell—I was not. I know all about it; I know the other man who was there at the time and he is not very far away now.

## PREMIER REFUSED TO ANSWER

The court ordered the witness to answer but the latter said:

"Before answering I want to say that the charge against me is that I compelled contractors to pay me large sums before securing their contracts. I want to say I never compelled any contractor to make any payment before receiving his contract or afterwards on account of any understanding reached previously. Regarding the specific charge I will say that neither Mr. Corbett nor his son ever paid me \$10,000 or any other sum as the result of such an arrangement. He might have paid me half a million dollars on other business, but I should not be compelled to answer questions outside the limits of this inquiry."

Mr. Fowler—If he follows my advice he will not answer.

The question was repeated and the premier refused to answer.

## ASKS FOR COMMITMENT

Mr. Carvell drew attention to the provisions of the act and asked for the commitment of the witness to the common jail until he would answer.

The chairman pointed out that the witness was the man against whom the charge was laid and that he could hardly expect to have him committed for refusing to answer such a question.

After further argument in which Mr. Carvell maintained that the witness could not refuse to answer unless it was because the answer would incriminate him, it was decided that the commitment would not be issued.

Mr. Ted—it is not fair for a counsel to take advantage of his position for personal statements.

Mr. Carvell—I resent that coming from Mr. Ted; from Mr. Fowler it would not count.

Mr. Carvell, to witness—Mr. Flemming.

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