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A TERRIFIC BATTLE IN WESTERN AREA

ST. JOHN PASTOR TAKES FALL OUT OF FLEMMING

Rev. R. J. Haughton of the Congregational Church Refers to Premier's Brazen Impudence and Perverted Sense of Honor---Says Report of Royal Commission is Exceedingly Fair---Flemming Has Shown an Utter Disregard of the Principal of Truth and Honesty.

St. John, Nov. 23--"This is a far bigger question than the question of mere party politics. It has to do with human sacredness and trust; it has to do with the solemn relations existing between man and man. It was just such relations as were trampled underfoot by Germany and for whose keeping England is today spilling her life's blood.

"I tell you this is a tremendously serious affair. It is serious enough to affect the young lives of our boys and girls. Boys overcome by the desire to have what they cannot buy, break open stores and take watches, marbles and jackknives and are branded as thieves and sent to jail. The politician who can put his hand into his neighbor's pockets and steal thousands of dollars is called clever and shrewd and his name is still honorable. It all depends on who does the stealing. But it is stealing, all the same, and to all the Almighty God said, 'Thou shalt not steal.'

"The honorable gentleman from Woodstock has the brazen impudence to say that 'without justification this commission has injured his reputation and character as a public man.'

"No, no, Mr. Fleming, not 'the commission, but your perverted sense of honor, your own greed of gain, your own disregard of the principles of truth and honesty have injured your reputation and character as a public man. It is the same old story of the desire to place some gospel in place of the gospel of Jesus, some easier gospel that expects and exacts less."

These solemn words fell upon a hushed congregation at the Congregational church last evening when Rev. R. J. Haughton, the pastor, in the course of a sermon on "The Kaiser's Gospel, or Latter Day Paganism," turned nearer home and in searching words denounced what he termed the "brazen impudence" of the premier in challenging the finding of the royal commission and held this action up as an example of modern paganism which must be eradicated from the public life of the province.

In beginning his sermon, Rev. Mr. Haughton described the Kaiser's gospel as that of brute force that sought to hack "its way through the world" a latter day paganism which called on God for aid while German militarism was a standing menace to the peace of the world. Then it was the doctrine that necessity knows no law and that the domination of Germany should take precedence over all other laws human and divine. It meant the destruction of everything that was not German.

PAGANISM AT HOME

Going on Mr. Haughton said: "We are living in days that are stirring indeed. While we are shocked at the terrible news of the things that are taking place on the other side of the Atlantic we are perhaps inclined to overlook or at least to slight the shocking things at home. No man except him whose motto is, 'My party right or wrong,' can read the report of the royal commission on the Dugal beaches and then the letter of Mr. Fleming without being deeply stirred. The question is a serious one. It is not merely the question of politics, which means alas to so many men today, an opportunity for plunder and dishonesty; it is a question that affects foundational principles of integrity, honor, uprightness and honorable dealings between man and man.

"It is a question of whether we can any longer trust one another and have confidence in one another. After I had read the report over the signatures of Judge McKeown, Judge Wells and W. S. Fisher I turned and read the letter addressed to the electors of New Brunswick by Mr. Fleming and when I got to the end of that open letter this is what I said to myself: 'There is most brazen insolence, there is the most amazing disregard of the public conscience and the principles of honor and integrity I have ever seen so openly displayed for many a day.'

"Take the solitary case of the \$2,000 Contractor Kennedy was compelled to hand over to Mr. Fleming, Judge McKeown, Judge Wells and Mr. Fisher says. We think and find that Hon. Mr. Fleming is guilty of this act of compulsion which has been charged against him, and then Hon. Mr. Fleming so far falls from his honor as to challenge the decision of these gentlemen whose report we believe is exactly fair to the premier.

"Yet he has the nerve to say, 'that without evidence and without justification this commission has injured my reputation and my character as a public man.' It is a pity that Mr. Fleming had not thought more of his reputation and character when he accepted the \$2,000. It is a great pity that he did not think more of his reputation and character when he personally appointed Mr. Teed to take care of the money, the thousands of dollars that could be extorted from the lumbermen of the province.

"The commission says that 'the premier directed the disposition of such moneys when collected and they also declare that the \$71,000 which was collected from the lumbermen was secured by extortion. Judge McKeown, Judge Wells and Mr. Fisher say 'The only conclusion that seems possible to us is that the money was actually extorted.'

"What has happened to the honor of the Hon. Mr. Fleming that he has aimed such a staggering blow at the faith and confidence of fellow-men?"

It all reveals a sad condition and a lamentable lack of the sense of honor and humanity. It is a terrible thing when political life means to so many men today, not the rendering of useful and honorable service to the country but rather the means of getting an easy living out of their country and at the public expense. It is high time for such a system to go—a system that is a disgrace to civilization and a dishonor to the man who is base enough to profit by it.

From Psalm 144, 1: "Blessed be the Lord my strength which travaileth my hands to war and my fingers to fight!"

THROUGH PANAMA CANAL

The American steamer J. S. Luckenbach, commanded by Capt. E. H. Read, an Albert County boy, was one of the first ships to make a trip through the Panama Canal. She is now making regular trips between New York and San Francisco. During her last voyage she was caught by a landslide and delayed for five days. Capt. Read, who was for some years in command of one of the Standard Oil Company's tank steamers, is a son of Capt. J. A. Read of this city.

Private Despatch From Petrograd Says That the Russians Have Achieved a New and Important Success---Great Battle Raging Between the Warthe and Vistula Rivers

The Russians Reported to Have Taken Thousands of Prisoners---Boer Uprising in South Africa has been Completely Crushed and Dewet and His Followers are on the Run---German and British Warships Seen Near Colon---English Officer Bayoneted by a Fanatical Sepoy---Crews of Sunken British and French steamers Landed at Buenos Ayres.

MARINE INSURANCE GOES UP

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Nov. 23--Following reports of the Turkish movement toward Egypt many policies have been taken out in Lloyds to insure that the Suez Canal will be kept open. The premium of fifty guineas per cent has been freely paid to underwriters on policies for the loss inflicted by the thirty consecutive days closing of the canal. The high rate indicates that the risk is regarded as really serious.

BOER UPRISING CRUSHED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Pretoria, Nov. 23--The rebellion under the leadership of General Christain Dewet has been crushed and the leaders are in full flight, according to an official statement issued here today by the Union war office. Only six followers of the rebel General now compose His command. His pursuit will be continued to prevent further efforts to recruit.

TURKS BOMBARD TAUPSA

Constantinople, Nov. 23--An Official announcement received from Rome says the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh has bombarded Taupsa on the Black Sea, destroying the oil deposits and the wireless telegraph station. The Turks claim that a projectile from the Gunboat Marmar struck a British gunboat in an engagement at the mouth of the River Tigris.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN VICTORY.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

PARIS, Nov. 23--A private despatch from Petrograd declares that the Russians have gained a new and important success between the Warthe and Vistula rivers. It is now but a question as to how many of the Germans in General Von Hindenberg's army of invasion will succeed in returning to Germany, says the despatch. A terrific battle is raging between Czentacha and Cracow in which the Russians have so far had the advantage. The Russians have taken thousands of prisoners.

A SEPOY MAKES TROUBLE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Bombay, Nov. 23--Mayor Anderson of the 130th (King George's Own) Paluchis has been fatally bayoneted by a fanatical Mahsud Waziri Sepoy while superintending the embarkation of the Regiment for the front. The murderer was put in chains, the Non Mahsuds among the Indian troops have become so incensed over the outrage that it has been found necessary to move all the Mahsuds to a place of safety.

GERMANS IN WINTER QUARTERS.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

ROME, Nov. 23--The German and Austrian armies are now established in permanent winter quarters at the eastern and western theatres of war and will await spring before making a resumption of aggressive campaigns, says a despatch from Berlin. The army will wait for warm weather at Flanders, Poland, Galicia and East Prussia.

GERMAN CRUISER STILL ACTIVE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 23--The crew and passengers of the French steamer Union and British steamship Lacorrentina have been disembarked here by the German steamer Sierra Cordoba. Both vessels had been sunk by German cruisers.

WARSHIPS IN THE GULF

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Panama, Nov. 23--Commanders of merchant vessels which arrived here yesterday report sighting two German cruisers and three British war ships only a half days sail from Colon. The former were bound east and latter west.