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GREAT NAVAL BATTLE EXPECTED SOON IN THE NORTH SEA; GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK ON HILL SIXTY IS REPULSED

SECRETARY DAGGETT DID THE FINANCING

Hon. Mr. Murray Hands Out Surprising Answer in the House to a Question About the Patriotic Potatoes--Does not Know What Arrangements His Deputy Made With the Bank--I. C. R. Has Not Yet Taken Over the Valley Railway.

It is generally conceded now that the business of the local legislature will not be finished this week. Some of those who are closest to the government make the statement that it will require the greater part of next week for the consideration of the measures already before the house and those to be submitted.

There is some doubt as to whether there will be any further Valley railway legislation, and yet the necessity of it, according to those who are keenly interested in the settlement of the railway's affairs, is very real. So far there has been no explanation at length from any member of the government in the house as to the affairs of the railway, or what is to be the policy with regard to its completion. There have been many rumors as to the cancellation of the contracts with the St. John & Quebec Railway Company, and Mr. Gould and his associates, but in order to do this it would be necessary to have legislation.

MANY DEFECTS IN ROAD

While the railway is being operated under a temporary agreement by the Intercolonial, the delay in taking over the railway, as intended in the original arrangement, is likely to be prolonged. It is openly stated by the section men on the road that many defects are showing up very plainly this spring in connection with the construction of the railway; that the foundations of the water tanks are not what they should have been; that the culverts are breaking down and many earth slides occurring. All this will entail much additional expense for repairs and it will be in the interests of the province to have the railway taken over as soon as possible. Within the last few days a force of men has been sent out to clear out some of the ditches that have filled up and to do other repair work that is needed immediately. The province, of course, must foot the bills, and what the end of all this will be it is not easy to determine.

HOURS FOR CLOSING BARS

There seem to have been some representations made to the government which have altered the hours of closing intended in the original amendments to the liquor license act. Yesterday the closing hours were to be seven o'clock every evening, except Saturday, when the bars were to close at noon. Today the hours are stated to be from eight to eight every day except Saturday, when the closing hour will be four o'clock instead of five o'clock, as at present. These changes are the result of a vigorous lobby on the part of the liquor interests, who have several young lawyers on the spot here all the time.

THOSE PATRIOTIC POTATOES

There have been many surprising answers given to the inquiries by the opposition during this session, but that made yesterday by minister of agriculture to an inquiry asking what was the nature of the financial arrangements made by Mr. Daggett and the Bank of Nova Scotia in connection with the purchase of the potatoes for the patriotic gift. Pine Valley bill, when it was before the house, applied equally to the bill now under consideration. The act passed in 1909 to amend the cemetery act provided that no any arrangements made by him with

MORE PERTINENT QUERIES

Some other questions were asked by Mr. Dugal a day or two ago with respect to this matter, and an answer is expected later. He inquired:

1. Was Leslie Slipp employed as inspector, or in any other capacity, by the department of agriculture, in connection with the receipt and disposal of the potatoes purchased by the government for the patriotic and Belgian gifts?
2. Did not Mr. Slipp protest concerning the condition of very many of the potatoes on their arrival at West St. John, and did he not condemn many cars of the same as unfit for shipment?
3. Were not his objections and rulings strongly resisted by A. C. Smith & Co., and B. F. Smith, or either of them, and others, and did not Secretary of Agriculture Daggett overrule the inspector's condemnation and accept the rejected potatoes?
4. Were not the potatoes shipped by B. F. Smith or any one else paid for before they were inspected at the West Side?

A full answer to those questions might be interesting.

BILLS INTRODUCED

The house met at three o'clock. Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) gave notice of a motion to bring down a return of the board and other indebtedness of the province. The house went into committee, with Mr. Allain in the chair, and agreed to a bill to amend the act relating to South West River Driveway Company with certain amendments, also a bill to incorporate the Port Canada Docks Railway. The house again went into committee, with Mr. Young in the chair, and agreed to a bill respecting country courts, and to amend the judicature act 1909, which latter it was explained permitted an increase in the salaries of some of the officials and changed the date for holding circuit court in Albert county.

The house went into committee, with Mr. Smith in the chair, and agreed to bills to incorporate the towns of Ichibucto and Rexton, for of agriculture to an inquiry asking what was the nature of the financial arrangements made by Mr. Daggett and the Bank of Nova Scotia in connection with the purchase of the potatoes for the patriotic gift. Pine Valley bill, when it was before the house, applied equally to the bill now under consideration. The act passed in 1909 to amend the cemetery act provided that no any arrangements made by him with

Petrograd, April 23--Russian dirigibles are being used to harass General Von Hiuderbergs lines of communications. The German positions at Plock have been bombarded and several of the enemy's transports on the Vistula were damaged. The railway station at Mlawc and an aerodrome at Sanniky were damaged. The Czar arrived at Lemberg today to inspect the troops in Galicia and the Carpathians.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, April 23--A semi-weekly report says that all the German counter attacks on the Hill Sixty have been repulsed and great importance is attached to possession of this position. Successful mining operations and air attacks are reported. The Admiralty press bureau announces that only one British Merchantman was sunk by the Germans during the week ending April 21 out of 1519 arrivals and sailings.

New York, April 23--A Herald cable from London says that a great battle in the North Sea the most titanic struggle in the naval history, may be a question of hours. All commercial shipping has been cleared from the German Ocean and preparations for a trial of strength between the British and German fleets are now in progress.

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(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, April 23--German reinforcements numbering 600,000 are reported to be arriving on the western front for a new offensive movement. Furious German attacks have thus far resulted in a failure.

FIGHTING HAS BEEN RESUMED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, April 23--Despatches from Athens say heavy firing was heard at Chios yesterday and it is believed that the bombardment of Smyrna has been resumed. Four British warships bombarded the Dardanelles' forts for three hours.

ANOTHER TRAWLER SUNK

Grimsby, Eng. April 23--The Grimsby trawler, St. Lawrence was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea Yesterday by a German submarine. Two of crew were killed. Seven of the survivors were landed by the trawler Queenstown.

Capetown, April 23--Four hundred Germans were killed and wounded in a fight at Gabis by the union forces is officially announced to-day.

London, April 23--The Indian office reports that the Turk losses in the fighting on the Pursion Gulf exceed 6000. The Turkish commander suicided.

NOTE TO AUSTRIA

Rome, via Paris, April, 22--A report has been received from Petrograd today to the effect that Italy has sent a note to Austria which virtually amounted to an ultimatum.

The note is said to embody the minimum terms upon which Italy will consent to conclude an

agreement with Austria. It is impossible to confirm this report here.

General opinion in Rome is that an agreement may still be reached. Nevertheless, military preparations are being continued with the greatest energy along the frontier, where Austria is concentrating troops.