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ITALY LIKELY TO ENTER THE WAR IN A FEW DAYS; REPORTED THAT THE CUNARD LINER LUSITANIA HAS BEEN TORPEDOED

LOCAL LEGISLATURE STULTIFIES ITSELF

Whitewashing of Premier Flemming in Dying Hours of Session Strongly Denounced by the St. John Globe---Quotes From the Royal Commission Record to Show that Flemming held up Contractor Kennedy for \$2000---Stinging Rebuke.

Commenting on the action of the legislature in adopting a whitewashing resolution, The St. John Globe, a paper friendly to government, says:

"Hon. J. K. Flemming's resignation of the premiership of New Brunswick was a necessary and imperative result of disclosures before an impartial tribunal which investigated charges of a most serious nature. The evidence submitted disclosed conditions in the crown land department, controlled and managed by Hon. Mr. Flemming, inimical to the best interests of the province. The chief scaler of the province was revealed as the collector of a corruption fund from men who paid a stipulated price at a time when they were seeking to get control of the public domain, with knowledge that the special fund was to go, not into the public treasury, but into public hands, although the rights involved were public rights. The recipient and custodian of this fund was a gentleman designated by Hon. Mr. Flemming himself, a warm personal and political friend, who, when he was, dangerously ill, turned the custody of the fund over to his sponsor, Hon. J. K. Flemming, premier of New Brunswick. Although these facts were clearly established, and although there was evidence that at least one lumberman had a personal talk with Hon. Mr. Flemming, which he interpreted as a command in connection with the fund, the royal commission gave Mr. Flemming the benefit of the doubt, declaring the evidence, 'in our opinion, stops short of such sufficiency of proof as would justify the commission in declaring the charge of directing the extortion proven.' Those three words, 'directing the extortion,' are what Mr. Flemming was acquitted of."

After quoting from the report of royal commission, The Globe continues: "WHY, IN THE FACE OF SUCH LANGUAGE IN A PUBLIC DOCUMENT, SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK STULTIFY ITSELF AND BECLOUD THE RECORD OF AN IMPORTANT SESSION, BY PASSING UNANIMOUSLY A RESOLUTION, NOTING 'WITH SATISFACTION THAT HON. MR. FLEMMING IS NOT GUILTY AS CHARGED' BY MR. DUBAL? All that saves the resolution from being a deliberate mis-statement of facts is the two words, 'as charged.' Had the Dubal charges been worded just a little differently, even the 'Scotch verdict' would have been impossible. More pertinent questioning on the part of those prosecuting the charges might have brought out the reason for the payments the lumbermen so willingly made. There was in these crown land transactions both a buyer and a seller, and however much Hon. Mr. Flemming is to be condemned, recollection that the money was paid for something other than appeared on the surface must ever be kept in mind. It was not a political contribution pure and simple that the lumbermen made at the dictates of Berry."

Because of the important public rights involved, the large number of wealthy, influential and prominent men who participated in the affair and the amount of money paid, The Globe has regarded this crown land scandal, which the royal commission says Hon. Mr. Flemming was not guilty of directing, as a far more serious affair than the Valley Railway matter, which, after all, resolved itself into the old familiar exchange between a contractor and those for whom he was working. AT THE

SAME TIME, THERE IS NO GETTING AWAY FROM THE FACT THAT THE ROYAL COMMISSION GAVE A DIRECT VERDICT OF GUILTY AGAINST HON. MR. FLEMMING OF HAVING ASKED A PUBLIC CONTRACTOR FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO A CAMPAIGN FUND. Further, they interpreted this gift as compulsion, in view of the relationship between the two. WHY HAS THE LEGISLATURE SOUGHT BY RESOLUTION TO NULLIFY THE FORCE OF A FINDING WHICH DROVE HON. MR. FLEMMING FROM THE EXALTED POSITION OF PREMIER? Why did cabinet ministers and private members give assent to a motion which sought to present Hon. Mr. Flemming in a better light than he was presented by the verdict of the court appointed by the lieutenant governor? When the house received the report of the royal commission, why did it not accept or reject it? THE FINDING WAS CLEAR AND PLAIN AND THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK HAS DONE ITSELF NO CREDIT BY PLACING ON RECORD AS THE OPINION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION A SENTENCE OR TWO FROM THE FINDING WITH THE OBJECT OF MAKING IT APPEAR THAT THE COMMISSION LOOKED LIGHTLY ON HON. MR. FLEMMING'S DEMAND FROM JOHN KENNEDY FOR A CONTRIBUTION, WHEN THE COMMISSION EXPLICITLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNED THE TRANSACTION. The resolution passed by the legislature endorsed and approved these words from finding of the royal commission.

"There is no doubt, we think, that when the payment in question was made, it had no connection in the minds of either party with obtaining a second contract, such as was afterwards entered into."

"The resolution entirely omitted reference to these further words on the very same subject, although they present the transactions in the light viewed by the royal commissioners:

"In the case before us the contractor obtained two contracts. He was compelled to pay the money in the interval between the two, and admittedly at a time when no thought of a second one was in his mind, but he certainly was compelled to make this payment prior to getting his second contract, and in our opinion it was just as reprehensible to compel payment of this money under the circumstances as if the second contract had been in sight. The contractor, having been compelled to make the payment in the year 1912 and before the second contract was entered into, we find that Hon. Mr. Flemming is guilty of this act of compulsion which has been charged against him."

If the people of Carleton-Victoria want Hon. Mr. Flemming as their federal or local representative, with a full knowledge of his record, that is their affair. THE EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE BY THE LEGISLATURE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCLOSURES AND IN THE FACE OF THE FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION, IS AN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT MATTER AND CANNOT BE PASSED IN SILENCE. MR. FLEMMING'S RULE IN NEW BRUNSWICK ENDED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR A POLITICAL PARTY TO HOLD UP ITS HEAD UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. No resolution of the legislature can disguise that fact, nor should it seek to do so.

Petrograde, May 7---The Germans are reported to be resuming the offensive in Poland, presumably with the intention of preventing the Russians from sending reinforcements to Galicia. Despatches from Przemyśl estimate that 60,000 Austro-German soldiers have fallen since the great battle started on the first of May.

Rome, May 7---Austrians and Germans are leaving Italy post haste. Government has suspended forty passenger trains on Main lines to facilitate the movement of troops to the Frontiers. Indications point more definitely to war than ever before.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK

London, May 7---The Harrison Line Steamer Candidate of 5,858 tons has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast. The crew was saved.

DROPPED BOMBS ON CONSTANTINOPLE

Petrograd, May 7---The official announcement is made that three Russian airmen flew over Constantinople bombarding the city and doing great damage. Shells from the Russian warships bombarding the Bosphorous forts fell within ten miles of Constantinople. The Allied forces at the Dardanelles have captured the heights four miles west and commanding Kilid-Bahr fortress.

THE LUSITANIA SUNK?

A despatch received by J. M. Robinson & Sons, from London, says:---A report to Lloyds says that the steamship Lusitania has been sunk off Tinsale, Ireland.

BIG ARTILLERY DUELS

Paris, May 7---An official statement says that a fierce artillery duel is in progress at several points along the western front. The situation comparatively unchanged.

WAR MAY BE AVERTED

London, May 7---Special despatches from Peking today say that China had decided to yield practically all the demands made by Japan and only the details now remain to be worked out. It is now believed that war will be averted.

Liverpool, May 7---Steamer Centurian, 5,945 tons owned by the Charente steamer Company of Liverpool has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew is reported to have been saved.

GERMAN REPORTS FALSE

Paris, May 7---An official note issued tonight says:---"The German general staff persists in giving false details concerning their offensive engagements. During the last fifteen days the enemy has suffered complete checks and gave severe losses."

"The German attacks on April 22, by two army corps, using asphyxiating gas bombs, had as its object the piercing of the Ypres front. The greater

portion of the prisoners captured from us were overcome by fumes. We suffered no check. The rapidity of our counter-attacks prevented the enemy from attaining the left bank of the Yser Canal and from establishing a strong position on the right bank.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

London, May 7---The Germans with their Austrian allies are putting forth an effort, the extent of which has never been approached in the history of