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GERMANS PREPARING TO REPEL FRENCH ADVANCE IN ALSACE; THE TURKS ARE CONCENTRATING IN SMYRNA REGION

GOVERNMENT PROBER HAS BIG JOB ON HAND

Startling Irregularities Alleged in Connection With Public Works on the North Shore Counties--Names of Tory M. P. P's Figure in Bill of Particulars submitted by Messrs Carter and Veniot--Commissioner Chandler Held Court This Morning and adjourned for a week.

Messrs. E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot, Liberal organizers, have submitted to Commissioner Chandler the following statement of irregularities in the outside service of the Public Works Department with a request that he investigate the same:

The investigation of various provincial departments before Commissioner Chandler began this morning. After the formal presentation of charges adjournment was made until Thursday, March 25th at ten a.m., at Fredericton. In accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Veniot sessions will be held at Bathurst in connection with charges connected with public works in Gloucester County and probably at Moncton on charges connected with public works in Kent County. The services of interpreters are to be secured on account of many of the witnesses being French.

Attorney General Baxter who appeared on behalf of the government repeatedly made the statement that the government was desirous of unearthing any wrong-doing and made particular reference to certain people who had been going through the country making charges of wrong-doing against certain departments. Those were the people whom he meant to have brought before the commissioner to show if they were speaking of facts or of hearsay.

As this remark of the Attorney General plainly referred to members of his own party and to certain members of the Legislature his remark was received with interest.

Among those present when Commissioner Chandler opened the session shortly after eleven o'clock were: Dr. O. B. Price, M.P.P., P. G. Mahoney, M.P.P., Attorney General Baxter, Hon. John McCreilly, C. B. Lockhart, M.P.P., H. M. Blair, Secretary of Public Works, P. J. Veniot and E. S. Carter, the last two appearing to present the charges.

The Commissioner waived the formal reading of the charges preferred by Mr. Veniot in connection with public works in Gloucester and Kent Counties and read a list of witnesses required by Mr. Carter in connection with the information in relation to the Dalhousie Lumber Co. He remarked that subpoenas would be issued at once.

Attorney General Baxter suggested that they might be written to first, as it was possible they would come without subpoenas.

Mr. Carter stated that he had no idea that any would refuse to attend with the exception of Willard H. Berry. That is just what occurred to me, replied the Attorney General amid laughter.

TO SUBPOENA BERRY

It was decided by the commissioner to subpoena Berry and write letters to the others.

Commissioner Chandler speaking with regard to the information concerning the work of the Farm Settlement Board in Gloucester County stated that he doubted if the matter came within the scope of his commission. The Board practically was a corporation.

Mr. Veniot pointed out that last year the Farm Settlement Board had been placed under the supervision of the Minister of Agriculture and must be regarded as a portion of that Department.

Attorney General Baxter "If there is anything rotten we want it cleaned out."

Mr. Veniot said that he had suggested to Commissioner Chandler that on account of the large number of witnesses who would be called in connection with the matters affecting Gloucester County, the hearing could be better heard at Bathurst or Caraquet. He had unintentionally misled the Commissioner with regard to Caraquet as there was no place in that village suitable for the holding of the hearing. The college hall which he had had in mind, he feared could not be used. At Bathurst, however, was the Court House which would be always available.

In response to the Attorney General Mr. Veniot stated that none of the items affected the Minister of Public Works or the secretary. They all effected the outside service in Gloucester and Kent.

The Attorney General inquired concerning the nature of the information stating that all government departments continually had to hold up accounts for unauthorized work. If such accounts had been sent in and held up the department had done what it ought to have done.

Mr. Veniot "My information leads me to believe that the accounts sent in to this department are padded accounts. If the Minister of Public Works will state that they will not

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Bologne, Mar. 18--Wounded soldiers continue to arrive here in considerable numbers, they say the fighting still continues. The Germans have lost many of their best regiments and not a few of their commanding officers seem to have all the heart knocked out of them.

GERMANS STRONGLY ENTRENCHED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Geneva, Mar. 18--Extensive preparations to repel a French advance in Alsace are being made by the Germans, according to messages received here from Altkirch. The German positions are being strengthened by the construction of mile upon mile of trenches all protected by barbed wire entanglements.

THE TURKS ARE RESISTING

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Mar. 18--The Turkish troops now concentrated in the region of Smyrna offer resistance to the allied fleet and the troops now numbers 80,000 according to a despatch to the "Vossische Zeitung" from Athens. The operations against the Smyrna forts have been less intense during the last three days and it is believed that the British war vessels which took the principal part in the bombardment, are waiting for transports to land troops which will conduct land attacks jointly with the shelling from the ships.

SURPRISE ATTACKS BY RUSSIANS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograd, Mar. 18--Russians by forced marches have delivered surprise attacks at both ends of the 700 mile battle line. Russian armies made sudden attacks against Tilsit, Prussia, and Czernowitz, Bukowina. The Germans are falling back at many points.

GERMAN PRINCES KILLED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Mar. 18--Three German Princes were killed in the battle on Neuve-Chappelle according to official "Eye witnesses." It is reported that the German losses are estimated at 20,000.

MORE GERMANS CALLED OUT

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Mar. 18--All members of the German Landstrum of the classes of 1880, 1881 and 1882 who for any reason have not served in the army will be examined during the next two weeks to ascertain their physical fitness for service. The call will bring to the colors men 33 to 35 years of age who by reason of occupation or purchase of immunity were exempt from Germany's compulsory Military service.

NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Mar. 18--The Admiralty has no confirmation of the report that the German cruiser Karlsruhe has been sunk as reported from Copenhagen.

BRITISH SHIPS SHELLED

Paris, Mar. 18 --British warships bombarding Westende were shelled by German sixteen inch guns. Fighting is again in progress near Arras and Albert.

MR. PINDER APPARENTLY WILL HOLD THE POSITION

On Tuesday the Committee of the Legislature appointed to nominate standing Committees met and selected Mr. W. L. Allain of Northumberland as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee eliminating Mr. J. K. Pinder, who has held down the job for six years. Mr. Pinder and his colleague Dr. Morehouse, protested and yesterday the Committee met again and decided that Mr. Pinder was just the man for Galway. He was reappointed and up to a late hour this afternoon was still holding the fort. His enemies, however,

are still hard at work and it is said will challenge the appointment. In this connection the significant announcement is made in the Standard that "the Committee select their own chairman." It is understood that this will apply to Mr. Pinder's case only. The approach of the Federal elections, the necessity for harmony in York County, and Mr. Pinder's knowledge of the past, were the factors that had to be taken into consideration. It is a great victory for

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