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FLEMMING'S VINDICATION

Commenting on the whitewash resolution unanimously adopted by the Legislature in its dying hours, The Woodstock Press, the pocket organ of ex-Premier Flemming, rises to remark:

"The provincial legislature has placed on record the fact that the decision of the royal commission, exonerating Hon. Mr. Flemming from the Dugal charges, meets with its hearty approval.

"It is distinctly regrettable from every public standpoint that any notice had been taken of the ravings of irresponsible but crafty men who, filled with their own conceit, and for their own aggrandizement, but with a slight hope of party advantage, which was the cause of the dastardly attack on the splendid reputation and personal integrity of Hon. J. K. Flemming, were at the bottom of the Dugal charges. These 'tongue waggers' will get their deserts from the hands of the people in the near future."

The above sounds very nice but a few important facts have been overlooked. For instance, if the charges made by Mr. Dugal were not worthy of notice, why did Mr. Willard Berry, after a conference with Mr. Flemming at McAdam Junction, skip to the United States and remain there until the enquiry was over? Why was Mr. J. H. Corbett, who is alleged to have paid Mr. Flemming the sum of \$10,000 not brought here by the government to give his testimony? If Mr. Flemming was exonerated why did he, in a letter to the press, condemn the finding of the royal commission. Then, again, if everything was straight and above board in connection with the Valley Railway financing, why were not the company's books brought from New York and placed before the royal commission? Lastly, if Mr. Flemming was exonerated why did Mr. Flemming, soon after the commission's report was published, hold a three hours' conference with the lieutenant governor and then tender his resignation. If Mr. Flemming's "splendid reputation and personal integrity" has suffered on his shoulders alone rests the blame. Public men who play the game straight, even though they may experience the bitterness of defeat, do not need whitewashing resolutions.

AN UNSPEAKABLE CRIME

Mr. Duffield Osborne, writing to The New York Sun, one of the leading American newspapers, describes the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine as an unspeakable crime. He says:

"The unspeakable crime of the Lusitania should be the limit of national endurance and yet it seems even more sickening when we hear men we had supposed were sane justify the act. The justification amounts to a theory that if a man says he'll murder me if I walk down Broadway, where I have a perfect right to walk, it's all right. We've heard some pretty strange logic in these days, some pretty degenerate partisan morality, but nothing to touch this.

"If an ignorant anarchist gets up and praises murder he's arrested, and quite properly, because praise of it incites it. Are not the justifiers of this wholesale murder of American women and children equally criminal?"

"I fear I have not faith enough in the consistency of our authorities to believe that they will put Herman Hans, Gottlieb and the rest behind the bars, together with the thank God, very few Americans who talk in similar strain. The only course possible with self respect is to ostracize politically, socially and commercially every man who makes himself virtually an accomplice after the fact in the most dastardly crime committed for centuries."

GERMAN INSANITY

Discussing the disaster of the steam ship Lusitania, The Boston Record says:

"There are two questions before the thought of America and the world today. One is the specific question of Germany's understanding of war. The other is the attitude which this country should take in the light of the Lusitania facts. As for the former, we do not believe that all the sophistry in the tongues of men will wipe out the abomination which this act is

in the eyes of humanity. We saw something of the spirit that includes women and children in the scope of warfare, in earlier incidents. Now we see this spirit magnified in application. We see set before the world one of the most ghastly horrors premeditation of modern man has ever conceived and executed. It is easy to point to the presence of British reservists and ammunition aboard the Lusitania. It is easy to babble out 'fair warning' and 'war zones.' But it is a white hot fact that we look upon this deed of German militarism run amuck. The women, the non-combatants, the peaceful people were real. The deed that murdered them was real. And what is back of that? An insanity such as modern civilization has not seen before in the seats of the mighty. Here is no honest manifestation of the German people, but a dastardly betrayal of those people. Here is the work of a clique of inhuman fanatics who have smashed their own kin in the face. Here is an affront to the heart of humanity, a crucifixion conceived in hate and executed in blasphemy."

ON THE SIDE

The nations engaged in the present war are practically a unit in their belief that the more time a soldier spends on the water wagon the better his work with an artillery wagon.

They tell of the New Jersey man who paid his wife \$1 if she would make her own Easter hat, and then paid her \$5 and bought her a new one if she wouldn't wear it.

When a newspaper decides a thing should be done it says the people demand it.

"Why is it that we see fewer blondes now than formerly?" was the New York Sun. A hard question. Perhaps you are getting old and don't look at 'em so attentively.

Billy Sunday says that the sinners that made their beds must lie in them. They seem much inclined to Sabbath mornings.

One of the war jokes is the story that the conflict will cause a shortage of Turkish tobacco.

Anti-German riots in Constantinople indicate some degree of unpopularity with the Turkish-German understandings. The Turks talk at the role of the goat.

To Austria is conceded the palm for continual concessions which apparently—judging by Italy's non-acceptance—fail to concede anything.

Chille demands an apology from Germany. Come on in; the water's fine!

One of the hardest things to believe is that Dunkirk is not in Scotland.

Why does the man wear a stiff collar on a hot day when the woman wears—well, hardly anything.

Italy is still said to be on the edge of war, but by this time the edge must be raw.

The great issue just now in England is the temperance question. In New England it's the movies.

A QUESTION OF KISSING.

Summerside Agriculturist:—We understand some young ladies from Charlottetown, on a recent visit to Summerside, hinted that the young men of this town were rather slow to start anything in the way of handing out kisses when rosy lips were temptingly near. These young ladies should not be too quick in forming such opinions, for the chaps who are slow to start are also generally slow to stop.

Mrs. John G. Settle of Westmount P.Q., is visiting relatives here.

Premier Clarke arrived in the city last night. He is at the Barber House.

W. M. Dunlop of Ottawa, arrived in the city today. He is at the Barber House.

NO ALUM



ITALY IS ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN WAR

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Germans, caught between the fire of the British machine guns and that of their own artillery, was almost entirely exterminated under the cross-fire. Our Allies have taken one thousand prisoners and some machine guns.

"To the north of Arras a thick mist has prevailed all day, preventing any important action on either side. Nevertheless, the struggle continues very actively on the slopes of Lorette especially. There we have repulsed all the German counter-attacks.

"At Ville-Au-Lois, near Berry-Au-Bac, the enemy made an attack on our trenches, which was immediately arrested. The number of unwounded prisoners taken by us on Sunday in the affair at Ville-Sur-Tourbe was 350, besides fifty wounded.

"This morning we carried out an attack in the Ailly wood, occupying several German works; we also took three machine guns and 250 prisoners, among whom were several officers.

"In the outskirts of the forest of Le Prette two German battalions made three attempts to sortie from their trenches, but our fire held them up short."

MORE QUIET IN EAST.

Vienna, May 17, via London.—A further Austrian advance in Galicia is announced in an official statement issued here today. The Austrians have captured Drohobycz, in Central Galicia, about forty miles southwest of Lemberg.

The statement follows: "Compared with the last fortnight's obstinate fighting, yesterday passed generally without material events on the entire front. Our armies gained further ground.

"Austrian columns advanced toward the Upper Dniester and occupied Drohobez, capturing five hundred men and eight machine guns."

CONFIRMATORY REPORT.

Paris, May 17.—British troops, continuing their drive at the German line near La Bassée, have captured another series of trenches at Richebourg L'Avoue. They took 450 prisoners.

DRIVEN ACROSS CANAL.

Berlin, via Sayville, May 17.—German army headquarters today gave out a report on the progress of hostilities reading as follows:

"In the western war theatre: "North of Ypres and to the west of the canal near Stenstraate and Het Sas, the Germans gave up their advanced positions, and to avoid losses from the strong artillery of the enemy, they drew back their smaller forces to the main positions on the eastern bank of the canal.

"South of Neuve Chapelle the British still hold parts of the front trench, taken May 15. The fighting continues north of Arras. Near Abaila and Neuville attacks yesterday were repulsed with very heavy losses for the enemy.

"German airships have successfully attacked the seaports of Dover and Calais."

"Despatches last night from England set forth that a hostile craft had appeared over Dover but for a short time only and no mention of an attack was made. An airship, possibly the same vessel, did deliver an attack upon Ramsgate, twenty miles north of Dover, dropping forty bombs."

"In the eastern war theatre: "On the Dvitya River, near Ejargola and Ozekiszli, and south of the Niemen River, near Lirampol and Ludinow, attacks by the enemy were repulsed. Among the Russian prisoners taken near Shavil, in Courland, were a number of recruits of the German classes of 1914 who had only been training for three weeks.

"In the southwestern theatre: "The German advances between the Pilica River and the Upper Vistula, and along the front from Sambor to Stry and Stanislaw, continues. The River San has been crossed at several points near Jarislau and to the northward. There is fighting going on around Przemysl."

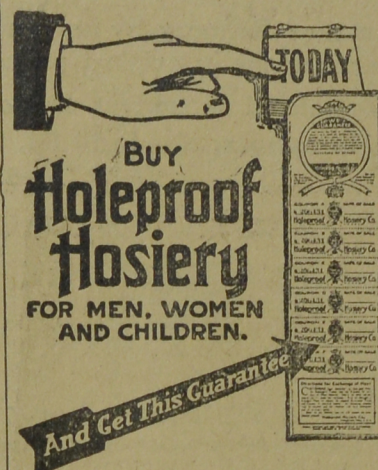
PRIZES FOR TREE PLANTING

Sackville Post:—Mrs. Josiah Wood is again offering cash prizes to the boys of the town who are most successful in planting trees. The first prize is \$5; second prize, \$4; third prize, \$3. Those entering the competition are required to plant from four to six hardwood trees, either on their own premises or upon obtaining permission of the town authorities, on the streets. The competition is open to any boy under 18 years of age. Mrs. Wood also offers a cash prize of \$4 for the best essay on trees.

Moncton Times:—Mrs. F. E. Whelpley has returned from Fredericton, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Moncton Times:—Friends of Mr. J. T. Hawke, who suffered a paralytic stroke some days ago, will be glad to know that his condition is improving and he expects to be about again this week.

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