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RUSSIAN COUNTER ATTACK ON ENEMY'S FLANK WAS EFFECTIVE; ITALIANS ARE PREPARING FOR A WINTER CAMPAIGN

WHY HON. MR. BAXTER DISLIKES CRITICISM

Was Compelled to Return a Fat Retainer Secured From the St. John and Quebec Railway Company---Public Men Who Are on the Square do Not Fear Reasonable Criticism From Those Who do Not See Eye to Eye With Them.

(Special Correspondence.)
St. John, Aug. 31—Too much criticism! "Eternal and illimitable criticism" is the way Hon. Attorney General Baxter puts it when talking to the Union of Municipalities.

He referred to the criticism of municipal councillors but A. R. Shipp, M.P.P., who is an incessant admirer of members of any government, rose to the occasion and "particularly appreciated" those were Mr. Shipp's nice words—"the remarks of Mr. Baxter with regard to uncharitable criticism directed toward public representatives."

Mr. Shipp is a great government echo. He would like to make a noise himself from a seat on the treasury benches but failing that he does the next best thing. He hides his disappointment and looks pleasant. Perhaps he may be lucky in succeeding to Johnnie Wilson's vacant chair as president of the Council!

DON'T LIKE THE STING.

I do not wonder that the men who have laid themselves open to criticism object to its sting. The public man who plays a straight game, who has nothing in his actions to regret does not fear criticism. But the men who have marked every month and year of their public life with acts that were for their own profit rather than the public interest, may well shun the merciless critic.

Public men should welcome criticism. Unjust criticism is a mighty boomerang. The people know whether their representatives are doing right. Mr. Shipp pats Mr. Baxter on the back for his talk about critics. Just let us see for a moment where both of these gentlemen stand. If I am not mistaken, Mr. Shipp was for many years chairman of the Corporation Committee in the legislature and his partner, Mr. Hanson, was engaged by any and everyone, almost, with important bills that had to be considered by that committee. Premier Clarke must be given the credit of so discouraging this practice that Mr. Shipp was not re-elected chairman last session. While he was in the chair, however, and his partner pleading before him, as it were, the critics did not spare him. He has had no use for them since.

WOULD SILENCE THEM.

If Hon. Mr. Baxter could silence his critics what a carnival he could have. As it is, he has not a very high regard for public opinion. He takes his chances on criticism and reaps all the benefits that lie in his path. It was a venturesome act for a public man—a lawyer—to accept such a big retainer as A. R. Gould offered him, two thousand dollars a year. At that time Mr. Baxter was drawing five hundred a year for serving his country in the legislature. Gould was president and manager of a railway company that was getting millions of dollars of aid from the province through its legislation. He was seeking legislation every year. Yet Baxter consented to serve Gould's interests for two thousand dollars a year and he was paid five hundred dollars a year for the first three months' work. He was paid other amounts for different work that he did.

BAXTER'S RETAINER.

Gould wanted some more millions from the province and some members

became frightened. They began to inspect the railway books. They found where Baxter had been retained and paid five hundred dollars. Baxter paid back the money. The critics in his own party were most unkind. The whole facts came out at the investigation. No wonder Baxter dislikes critics.

Then again, his foreshores activities. He found his critics obtrusive again. All in the public interest but not in Mr. Baxter's. That story need not be told again.

The duties of the attorney general call for attention to the criminal business of the province. Yet Mr. Baxter has given his biggest cases to other lawyers. He can still find time to do the business of the City of St. John at \$1,500 a year.

These are but samples of the acts of these representatives who are properly subjected to "eternal and illimitable criticism."

I doubt if even the inspiring addresses of Messrs. Baxter and Shipp, or that of their premier, who made some idle remarks about people leaving holes in the highways in front of their premises in order to have something to criticize, will cause their opponents to cease their criticism.

SO LONG.

DUTY AND IMPORTS FALL OFF DURING AUGUST

Customs returns for the month of August show a decrease of \$2,442.75 in the value of duty collected and also a marked decrease in the value of goods of all classification imported.

The returns furnished by Collector L. C. Macnutt are as follows:

AUGUST, 1915.

Free goods	\$2,461.00
Dutiable	17,252.00
Total value	\$19,713.00
Duty collected	\$ 5,319.35

AUGUST, 1914.

Free goods	\$ 7,152.00
Dutiable	28,560.00
Total value	\$35,712.00
Duty collected	\$ 7,762.10

Decrease in duty collected for August, 1915, compared with August, 1914, \$2,442.75.

PRICE OF P.O. BOXES.

Publicity Agent Simonds, noting the rumor that box holders in the new post office were likely to be called upon to pay an increased price, recently wrote to a friend in Montreal for information. The reply in part follows:—"The charges here for boxes run from \$4 for the smallest, single ones up to \$15 for the largest ones used by the papers. It used to be, when the old system was in force, that we got our boxes for \$2 but they were only little ones at that time and they have been \$4 now for the last two or three years. I fancy they are much the same everywhere else. I know they do not want to encourage the use of boxes here, at least that is what they claim." It is scarcely likely that the rental for boxes will be higher in Fredericton than in Montreal.

MANITOBA POLITICIANS UNDER ARREST

Winnipeg, Aug. 31—The expected sequel to the report of the Mathers commission on the parliament buildings scandal occurred this afternoon when four ministers of the late government, Sir Rodmond Roblin, premier; Dr. W. H. Montague, minister of public works; James Howden, attorney general, and George R. Coldwell, minister of education, submitted themselves to the authorities at the city police station.

They were released on \$50,000 bail each, \$25,000 being personal security. For Sir Rodmond, Aime Benard, present leader of the Conservative party in the legislature, and D. E. Sprague, ex-chief license commissioner, were bondsmen for the other \$25,000; for Dr. Montague, W. H. Cross and J. W. Montague; for Mr. Howden, George Hamilton of Neepawa, and Stephen B. Stonehouse, and for Mr. Coldwell, Alex. Reid and Andrew Simpson.

The ex-ministers will appear in the city police court tomorrow morning to answer the charge of conspiring to defraud the public. They will then be remanded.

An early date will be set for the preliminary hearing. More charges may, and very likely will be, laid, according to R. A. Bonnar, K.C., who is acting for the prosecution.

Warrants had been issued for the arrest of the men but as they came forward voluntarily they were not served. All of the formalities of bail and bond-signing were conducted behind closed doors in Deputy Chief of Police Newton's office and extreme secrecy was observed in connection with the whole proceedings.

R. A. Bonnar, seen after the proceedings were finished, explained that the ex-ministers had been admitted to bail and that they would appear in court tomorrow morning. A remand would then be asked for by the defence and a date set for the preliminary hearing, which would likely be soon. The present charges were for conspiring to defraud the people, he said, and other charges, possibly of destroying public documents, might be laid later.

WOODSTOCK SOLDIER INVALID-ED HOME

(Special to The Mail.)

Woodstock, N.B., Sept. 1—George Rea, who left here August 28th last year with the 10th Field Battery, has been invalided home. He belongs in Boston and arrived here yesterday. He tells some thrilling stories of his experiences while at the front with the 16th Battalion, to which he was transferred after leaving here. He was at Ypres and Festubert and was wounded in the hip at the latter fight and was sent to Rouen and afterward to a hospital in England. He has almost entirely recovered and will probably enlist for home service as he feels others should go and do their part overseas as he has done.

TO BE TRIED BY JURY.

Alfred Jones, who was sent up by Police Magistrate Limerick on the charge of stealing sheep from Mr. John W. Douglass of Red Rock, appeared before County Court Clerk H. G. Fenety this morning and elected to be tried by judge and jury at the next term of the York County Court. Mr. C. D. Richards appeared as counsel for Jones. Mr. Fenety performed the duties of judge in this case Judge Wilson being away.

Miss Mildred Richardson left Monday for Woodstock where she will spend a three weeks vacation at her home.

London, Sept. 1—The feature of the Russian campaign is the sudden and effective counter attack instituted by the Grand Duke's men against the right flank of the Teuton armies.

In the Dneister region the Austro-German forces have been driven back almost a mile and the developments of this move threaten to roll up the right of the Teutons. In the Riga district the German advance is slow but the city is surely being isolated.

PIRATES MAY HAVE GONE DOWN

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Washington, Sept. 1—Washington is greatly interested in a conference being held today between Secretary Lansing and Von Bernstorff the German Ambassador, following the receipt of an official despatch intimating that the submarine which sank the Arabic has been sunk

ITALIANS MOVING AHEAD

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Sept. 1—The Italian advance continues, the territory gained having been consolidated. Preparations now are going forward for the winter campaign. Italian officials state that they have no fear that the Teutons will invade Italy if the present campaign ends in their favor.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

London, Sept. 1—On the Western front reports indicate that the Allies' heavy bombardment of German lines at many sections continues.

AGREEMENT RATIFIED

London, Sept. 1—It is reported from Cardiff that the South Wales miners have ratified the agreement made yesterday at London by the representatives thus ending the coal strike.

Berlin, Sept. 1—The official claim is made that since May 2, 1,400,000 Russians have annihilated or captured.

PREPARES TO ASSAULT GRODNO

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Berlin, Sept. 1—German forces have arrived before the Russian fortress of Grodno and are preparing for the assault.

BACK DOON FOR GERMANY.

Washington, Sept. 1—Count Von Bernstorff today informed the administration that Germany had accepted the principal that ocean liners should be warned before an attack by submarines.