

## TURKS REPORTED TO HAVE EVACUATED ADRIANOPLE; HARD FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN THE EASTERN THEATRE

### TORIES IN MANITOBA WORKING OLD GAME

Seeking to Draw a Red Herring Across Their Corrupt Trail--Same Plan Was Tried by Baxter and Others in this Province When the Dugal Charges Were Being Enquired Into--Will Slipp or Tilley Get the Forecastle Berth?

St. John, N.B., June 25--Fullerton, the Tory Winnipeg lawyer, who has won notoriety by making some charges of a "deal" between Liberals and Conservatives in Manitoba, whereby certain politicians were to be let off easy, must have been reading The St. John Globe or the evidence of J. B. M. Baxter before the royal commission in New Brunswick. If the Manitoba Liberals have no more knowledge of Fullerton's charges than the New Brunswick Grits had of Baxter's his allegations will have no more effect in the west than Baxter's had here. The Tories have shown great ingenuity in diverting public money from its proper channels and also in diverting public attention when their misdeeds are described.

#### A BAXTERIAN YARN.

The New Brunswick story of a "deal" was a purely Baxterian yarn. He had little basis of truth. Two of the most prominent Tories in New Brunswick made suggestions at a distance through a third or fourth party, which, when they reached the ears of the Liberals, were laughed at. There are always men who sit on the fence and whisper their news to their friends in both political camps. They invite proposals; they are full of suggestions; they stand to win no matter which party is in power; they are the political trouble-makers, the schemers, in many cases the boodlers, grabbing whatever comes this way, either in the matter of concessions or contracts and splitting the profits. We have them in New Brunswick and those who watch the political situation closely are always on their guard when these "fence vultures" appear. They were on the job a year ago when the royal commission began its work. They had been harassing Fleming for three years and had not only chased him but had acted as his guides in the tortuous and corrupt path he was travelling. When the disclosures were made and Fleming felt his advisers flew. They could not use him any more and they planned for his confession and surrender. They made a bargain with the prominent Tories referred to that they would engage to do certain things if these Tories persuaded Fleming to resign his seat and his premiership, making a confession of his knowledge of the transactions as charged at the same time. But these political brokers reckoned without taking into consideration the grim determination of the prosecution conducting the investigation. There was no compromise, no deal, with them and the insinuation or suggestion that anything of that sort could be proposed and listened to met with such stern rebuff that the hopes and plots of the "brokers" "vultures" or whatever one has a mind to call them never even became propositions.

#### BAXTER'S BACK FIRE.

Mr. Baxter was disappointed. He had hoped to get a grip upon the unofficial but real leaders of his party, who had always shown more or less contempt for him. So he made the charge that there was a "deal" on his whispering it to The Globe editor first and day after day sought to divert public attention from the evidence by charging collusion. He knew the story of the five hundred dollar check he received from the Quebec and St. John Construction Company was to come out though he never dreamed the check would be photographed and he wanted to pre-

pare the public mind to discredit anything that came from accusers who were willing to compromise. Failing in this, for the people never took the Globe's allegations on suggestions seriously, Mr. Baxter made the statement before the commission that must have reached the ears of Mr. Fullerton in Manitoba, only Mr. Fullerton has the Manitoba Liberals getting five times as much as those in New Brunswick! Again, he imposed on Baxter's "back fire" statement by asking for a commission to inquire into the truth of his statement. Baxter could not carry his bluff that far. It would have spelled political ruin for him to have dragged the names of the Tories referred to into such a mire.

#### Poor Baxter!

Some of the Catholics are asking why he went to Memramcook closing the same day he threw down Harry McInerney for the probate court judgeship. That is a question that does not require an answer. Any one could frame the reply.

#### WILL MR. SLIPP WIN OUT.

Who will replace the Hon. John E. in the government? Has Mr. A. R. Slipp his chance at last? If so, it is a lucky thing for this Fredericton lawyer who represents Queens that he will not have to stand for re-election. The farmers of Queens are getting quite sore over the Fredericton lawyer who is near sighted when he meets them outside of Queens. His successor as chairman of Corporations, Mr. Tilley, will not take kindly to being overlooked. He regards the title of "Honorable" with almost as much affection as did Mr. Wilson and looks upon it as almost a family perquisite. There is Col. Black of Westmorland, who has excellent claims because that section of the province is unrepresented in the government but he is serving his King in a nobler fashion and the opportunity is lost. Talking of service to the King, an indignant Irishman, speaking of the deception of McInerney and his friends who had been assured by Baxter that appointment was certain, exclaimed: "Baxter's deception! Who is surprised at that? Why, hasn't he been deceiving his King these many years, playing soldier and wearing his uniform and now when he is wanted at the front he remains at home."

#### SO LONG.

### MAYOR MITCHELL MAKES REMARKS ON ASSESSMENT

Commenting upon an attack made upon him in The Gleaner last night in connection with the announcement of the tax-rate of \$1.70 for the ensuing His Worship Mayor Mitchell this morning remarked:

"The man who wrote that pays me a great compliment in placing all responsibility upon me for the actions of the City Council of several years past. Everyone knows that the chief items of increased assessment are the bonds and maintenance of the new Smythe street school and the bonds and maintenance of the new fire station. The School Board decided that the new school was necessary and the City Council had no control over the matter. When the matter of the new hose station came up I opposed it and my vote is on record. Another item of unnecessary expense also opposed."

### GARLAND M. P. SCOOPER IN THE PROFITS

Ottawa, June 25--Sir Charles Davidson's war contracts investigation today put the finishing touches on the prima facie case made out before the public accounts committee last session in reference to the connection of W. F. Garland, Conservative M.P. for Carleton county, with the \$9,000 of profits which his drug clerk, Ernest Powell, made last August in selling surgical supplies to the militia department.

It will be remembered that last session Mr. Garland, from his seat in parliament, protested his innocence of any attempt to personally profit from the exigencies of the country's war needs and that he is now seeking re-nomination as the party standard-bearer in Carleton, and publicly announces that he "still controls the patronage."

This afternoon his \$18-per-week drug clerk, who handled the \$9,000 worth of business done with the militia department, after much hesitation and much urging from the commissioner and the examining counsel, "coughed up" the whole story.

Garland got from Powell practically all the profits and the latter was, in effect, merely the stool pigeon in whose name the orders were put through. Then when the public accounts committee got on the trail last March and the exorbitant middleman's profits made in Powell's name were disclosed, Garland gave the money back to Powell, who returned it to the treasury, via the chairman of the public accounts committee.

Garland, according to today's evidence, was behind the whole transaction, but because he was a member of parliament he did not want his name to appear as the vendor of supplies to the government. Hence Powell was selected as the nominal Ottawa agent of Bauer & Black, the Chicago firm which supplied the goods.

W. F. Shaver, the Canadian agent of Bauer & Black, came to Ottawa last August and met Garland. The two of them saw Colonel Jones, medical director general of the militia department. The latter, according to Shaver's evidence today, gave him to understand that government business had to be done through an agent. Garland told Shaver he was out after militia department business and the two therefore fixed it up with Powell to act as agent.

The order for the surgical supplies was secured from the department in Powell's name and on the strength of this a letter was secured from the manager of the Union Bank branch here informing Bauer & Black that Powell could not be relied upon for the payment of supplies sold to the government to the extent of \$20,000 or \$30,000.

When the sitting was resumed this afternoon Powell was placed on the stand and Mr. Garland was requested to leave the court room while the witness gave his evidence. Then Mr. Thompson, K.C., counsel for the crown, proceeded to drag the whole story out of the reluctant witness.

Powell told of being asked by Garland and Shaver to accept the Bauer & Black agency, although he had no previous experience in that line. Garland helped him with the invoices and suggested that the money received from the department be deposited in the Union Bank, where Garland had his own account.

Mr. Thompson produced witness' bank book with the records of deposits and withdrawals covering the whole transaction.

"Here is a withdrawal of \$1,200 on Nov. 19," said Mr. Thompson. "What did you do with the cash?"

Powell stood silent for several minutes while the court patiently waited for an answer.

"I can't say," he finally replied.

Similar queries about other with-  
drawals of \$120 and \$1,800 on Nov. 19 were met at first with the same painful pauses and evasive replies.

Finally Sir Charles Davidson warned the witness that he would find himself in trouble if he attempted to trifle with his oath or with the court. Then, with a little further leading, Powell admitted that he had given the money to Garland.

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Copenhagen, June 26--The Dutch steamer Ceres was sunk in the Gulf of Bothnia yesterday by a mine or submarine. The crew is safe.

London, June 26--A Large German ammunition supply train has been blown up near Roulers by a British airmen. Fifty German Soldiers were killed.

St. John, N. B. June 26--The steamer Herschel with railway construction Corps of Canada on board has arrived safely at Davonport.

### RUSSIANS ARE OPTIMISTIC

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograd, June 26--The Germans have been cleared from the North bank of the Dneister river in the Kozany district of Galicia and in the Martynow region the Russians have captured remnants of the Tetonian forces who were trapped on the north bank when Linsingen's forces were hurled back. Hard fighting still going on.

### TEUTONS LOST HEAVILY

London, June 26--The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail, commenting on the fact that the Russian army has remained intact during seven weeks retreat in Galicia, says this army has inflicted tremendous losses on the enemy, having captured in the course of these operations 150,000 men nearly 300 machine guns and 60 cannon. He continues:

"The Russian flanks are firm, which is proved by their successes on the Dniester and Tenew rivers.

"The Military organ, the Russky Invalid, suggests that the only thing that now matters is to keep the enemy occupied while Russia's allies in the west are getting up strength. It is generally conceded that the Russians will evacuate more territory, if it is necessary, in order to find favorable positions on which to make a stand."

### EVACUATED BY TURKS.

(Special to The Mail.)

ROME, JUNE 26--THE MONTENEGRO TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED THE ALBANIAN PORT OF SAN GIOVANNI DE MEDUA ON THE ADRIATIC. IT IS REPORTED HERE THAT THE TURKS HAVE EVACUATED ADRIANOPLE AND WITHDRAWN TO THE CHATALJA LINES. GENERAL CADORNA REPORTS THAT THE AUSTRIANS ARE BRINGING UP HEAVY GUNS TO THE MOUNTAINS TO TRY TO STOP THE ITALIAN ADVANCE.

### FORD CAR TO BE SOLD

A Ford car donated to the patriotic auction will be sold at nine o'clock this evening.

### DR. MONTAGUE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT GRAFTING

Winnipeg, June 25--Hon. Dr. Montague, ex-minister of public works, giving evidence before the Royal Commission, this afternoon, denied evidence by N. W. Horwood, a Minneapota Agricultural College. The college was built by Thomas Kelly & Sons as contractors. It was completed over a year ago at a cost of about \$2,000,000.

tion with the parliament buildings. "I never discussed the parliament building with Dr. Simpson," he said, "and if Dr. Simpson had spoken to me about a contract any friendship between us would have been at an end."

It was learned today on good authority that when the commission has completed investigation into parliament building matters it will be given new powers by the provincial government so that it may deal similarly with the construction of college was built by Thomas Kelly & Sons as contractors. It was completed over a year ago at a cost of about \$2,000,000.