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GERMANS ADMIT THEIR COSTLY ATTACK ON YPRES WAS A FAILURE; UNCEASING BOMBARDMENT OF THE DARDANELLES

PATRIOTIC POTATOES TO THE WEST INDIES

Mr. Dugal Asks the Government for Information Concerning a Shipment Made To Cuba in March—Auditor General To Have Salary Increased and Shift May Be Made in Order to Provide a Job For Donald Munroe, M. P. P.

No opinion is expressed as to whether the house will be able to finish its business before Saturday, but the prospects are that prorogation will not take place until that date. It is said that there are several measures still to be introduced, but no intimation has been given by the premier, at least on the floors of the legislature, as to how many there are or of what importance.

It is understood that the lengthy act to consolidate the mining laws of the province will not be pressed this session, and probably before it is introduced again there may be some important amendments making it conform more generally to the up-to-date mining laws of other provinces.

Acting on the supposition that the business of the house will not be completed until Saturday, J. L. Stewart yesterday afternoon gave notice of a resolution which is of considerable importance, inasmuch as it has to do with the contracting of large liabilities by the province. His resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, that, in the opinion of this house, the system of incurring large liabilities by contracting for and beginning the construction of bridges that are not urgently needed to replace structures that have been destroyed by fire, flood or other disaster, be discontinued, and that such works be undertaken in future only when specially authorized by law, and that all public work, particularly the erection and repairing of bridges, when the job is estimated to cost one hundred dollars or more, should be let by public tender, whenever possible, to the lowest responsible bidder.

PATRIOTIC POTATOES

Mr. Dugal gave notice of further inquiry into the matter of patriotic potatoes. From information which the department has already given it seems that a considerable quantity of potatoes intended for the patriotic gift or for the Belgian relief were not sent forward but were sold either in the Cuban or St. John markets. Information has reached here that some 3,222 barrels were shipped about March 1 from St. John to Cuba, where a J. C. Manzer is acting as some kind of a trade commissioner for the province of New Brunswick. While Mr. Daggett, secretary for agriculture, was in Cuba, in the month of March, he arranged with Mr. Manzer to act in this capacity and with the assistance of another gentleman named R. G. Waite it is reported that they made a sale of the potatoes in question to group of people in Caibarien. The potatoes did not arrive at Havana until April 16 and thus it would appear having been shipped from St. John about March 1 that they were between six or seven weeks making the trip. Just what effect this would have upon the quality of the potatoes will be best known to those who are in the business of shipping potatoes to the West Indies. The inquiry made of the government this afternoon touches upon this shipment and also seeks to learn some other particulars. It was as follows:

"What amounts have been paid to A. C. Smith & Co., since the close of the fiscal year in connection with the reception, sorting, packing and packages, freight, etc., of the patriotic and Belgian potatoes?"

"2. Was their account itemized, and if so, how was the cost distributed?"

"3. Have A. C. Smith & Co. been

paid any amount for storage of the potatoes or brokerage in connection with their sale or distribution in St. John or elsewhere?"

"4. Was there a shipment of about 3,200 barrels of the 'Belgian' potatoes from St. John about March 1 which did not leave Havana until April 16?"

"5. Were these potatoes sent first to Caibarien and then shipped by R. G. Waite to Havana?"

"6. Has the department any information as to the arrangements made by Mr. Daggett with Messrs. Waite and Manzer with respect to the shipment, or any information as to the price the potatoes brought in Havana?"

TO SHIFT AUDITOR GENERAL?

There is a bill before the house to amend the audit, and so far as is known at the present time the chief amendments will be to increase the salary of this officer from \$1,500 to \$2,100 per year. That is all that appears upon the surface, but is said that it is intended to make an official shuffle which will place the present auditor general, Mr. London, in the position made vacant by the death of the Deputy Receiver General Geo. N. Babbitt, and that Donald Munroe, M.P.P. for Woodstock, will be appointed as auditor general.

Mr. Munroe was recommended for the position, held so long by Mr. Babbitt, by twenty-seven of his fellow members in the legislature, but it is said to be felt that he would fill the position of auditor general with greater acceptance than he would of deputy receiver general.

However that may be, the arrangement does not apparently take into consideration the claims of W. C. Cruikshank, who has for a number of years been the capable assistant of Mr. Babbitt, and who, it is said, was promised that position as soon as there was a vacancy. Mr. Cruikshank's friends have been making a strong effort to have that promise carried out, but it does not look as if they were meeting with much success.

Touching this rumor in re change of auditors, Commodore Stewart asked the premier this afternoon in the house, if any change was contemplated.

The premier replied: "Not at present," and it seemed as if there was some emphasis upon the last two words. The change will not be made, it is reported, until some time after the prorogation of the house.

The House met at three o'clock.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry as to payments in connection with the purchase of potatoes for patriotic and Belgian gifts.

Mr. Young presented a petition of the Municipality of York in favor of a bill to amend the City of Fredericton Assessment Act.

The House went into committee with Mr. Munroe in the chair and took up further consideration of the bill to amend and consolidate the Succession Duty Act.

Mr. Mahoney said it seemed to him that the powers granted to a judge of probate to assess the value of an estate for succession duty purposes were rather too drastic. An estate might have cost \$30,000 originally but from various circumstances might at the time of valuation not be worth more than \$20,000, and it seemed to him that if the value was returned at a lower figure it left a good deal of power in the probate officials' hands to make trouble and expense for an

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London, April 29—A despatch from Northern France says that the Germans admit the failure of the costly attempt to take Ypres. Their retirement from the position in Northeast Ypres is being accelerated by British attacks. A Belgian official statement this morning says that the Germans have bombarded Ramsappelle Pervyse, Lampernisz and Gosvleperen. The Belgians are co-operating with France in a vigorous attack on Germans at Steenstraat.

BOMBARDMENT CONTINUES

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Athens, April 29—The bombardment of the Dardanelles continues day and night and the Allied troops are advancing across the Gallipoli Peninsula despite the desperate resistance of the Turkish soldiers led by Germans. It is reported that the entire Turkish Battalion has been captured near the Gulf of Suvia.

FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Capetown, April 29—Seven Germans were killed, fourteen wounded and thirteen captured by the Union forces in a battle at Trek Kopjes on Monday. The British lost nine killed and thirty-two wounded. An aeroplane and armored trains took part in the battle, which is described as one of biggest yet in South Africa.

ALLIES LAND TROOPS IN GALLIPOLI

According to an official despatch from Constantinople, the Allies have landed troops at four points in the Gallipoli Peninsula:—1. At the mouth of the Sighinde s; 2. On the coast of the Gulf of Saros, in the district of Avi Burnu. 3. To the west of Gaba Tepe, and 4. on the coast at Teke Burnu. A force was also landed on the Asiatic side at Kum Kaleh.

MANY LIVES LOST

Paris, April 28—A communication from the ministry of marine reciting the torpedoing of the French cruiser Leon Gambetta was given out this afternoon. It is as follows:

"The armored cruiser Leon Gambetta, cruising at the entrance of the Otranto Canal, was torpedoed the night of April 26-27 and went to the bottom in ten minutes.

"All the officers on board perished at their posts. One hundred and thirty-six members of the crew, including eleven under-officers were rescued by vessels sent out promptly to their help by the Italian authorities. The list of survivors has not yet been received at the ministry of marine."

Vienna, April 28, via London,—The following official communication has been issued here:

"Submarine U-5, commanded by Lieutenant George Ritter Von Trapp, torpedoed and sank the French cruiser Leon Gambetta in the Ionian Sea."

DAMAGE BY FRENCH AIRMEN

(Special to The Mail.)

Geneva, April 29—French aerial attacks over the Drigible Sheds at Friedrichshafen have done serious damage. Two shops were badly injured. The damage is estimated at one million dollars.

BACK TO THE FRONT.

(Special to The Mail.)

London, April 29—The Prince of Wales has returned to the front in France today after a secret visit to London for two weeks.

Constantinople, April 29—It is reported here that a transport belonging to the Allies has been sunk off Gallipoli. There is no confirmation from any other source.

OWNERS WILL APPEAL.

(Special to The Mail.)

Christiania, April 29—The owners of the Storstad will appeal from the decision of the Admiralty Court of Montreal, holding that the steamer is responsible for the loss of the Empress of Ireland.

N. B. Chandler of Montreal is at the Barker House.

WATER RISING RAPIDLY

The river at this point has risen two feet since Sunday, three or four inches of the rise occurring last night. New logs are reported to be coming into the Sugar Island boom in large numbers today. Part of this lumber is from above Grand Falls and there are some American among it. Last night's heavy rain was general over the St. John river basin and a further rise in water is expected.

Calgary Albertan:—There is many a slip betwix the prospect and the oil gusher, but the oil is in the ground and is being developed as rapidly as could be expected. This will be the great oil field some day. The prospects are very fine.

Halifax Chronicle:—Mr. Herbert Samuel, in a recent speech in England, said that one who subscribes five thousand dollars pays Britain's war bills for just a minute and a half. Well everyone can "do" his bit.

Corp. William Rawlings of the 26th Battalion, St. John, is in the city today.