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ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED; AUSTRIANS EVACUATE CARNOWITZ AND ARE NOW IN FULL RETREAT TO HUNGARY

GRAFT REVELATIONS WORRYING THE TORIES

Many of Sir Robert Borden's Followers Want an Appeal to the Country Before Matters Become Worse---Hon. Mr. Cochrane Will Only Give a Partial Service on Gagetown Section of the Valley Road---I. C. R. Matters Discussed

Ottawa, March 25---Dreams of an Easter prorogation of parliament seem suddenly to have gone aglimmering. Proceedings in the chamber have assumed a subordinate position. A handful of members plod painstakingly through supply. Empty galleries look down upon them.

The members and the crowds are congregated about the committee rooms, whence are coming, almost every hour, the most essential developments. Canada is getting a terrible eye-opener into the heartlessness and corruption of the political patronage system.

While ordinary Canadians have been courageously and resolutely facing the service and sacrifice entailed by the war, it is now evident that selfishness and moral degeneracy has been conducting filching operations from the public treasury on a scale unprecedented, even in Canada's somewhat checkered career in political morality. Strong pressure is being brought upon the government by many of its supporters tonight to "jump at once" to dissolve and go to the electors in June--the 14th of that month is the day mentioned--and thus seek to escape additional serious revelations said to be looming close on the political horizon.

BILL TO INCREASE SENATE.

Despite the assurance of Premier Borden to Sir Wilfrid Laurier the other day that no further contentious legislation was on the government program for the present session, when the House met this morning the premier introduced his resolution of last year's regular session to provide for increased representation in the senate. There is naturally much speculation as to why this course was suddenly decided upon, after the premier's contrary public statement a week ago. The measure in question was criticized when it was last before the Commons

and when it reached the senate was subjected to an amendment providing that the legislation should not take effect until the close of the present parliament, when the new redistribution for the Commons would also come into effect. This senate amendment the government declined to accept, preferring rather to kill its own bill. Nothing has since been heard of the measure until its reintroduction by the premier today.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke briefly. He took the ground that it was only fair that the Commons representation of Prince Edward Island should not be less than the representation of that province in the upper chamber. As for the representation of the west, he agreed that it should be increased. He understood that the senate had no quarrel with the merits of the measure, but had taken the ground that changes in senate representation should take effect simultaneously with changes in the Commons representation, as provided by the last redistribution bill. The resolution was accepted and the bill read a first time.

The House then went into committee of supply on railway estimates, and for the balance of the day Hon. Frank Cochrane was kept busy laconically defending Mr. Gutelius and his administration of the Intercolonial. Mr. Cochrane said the government intended to keep him on indefinitely.

CRIPPLED ROAD'S SERVICE.

"If the policy of the government is to cripple the train service on branches it acquires, it would be better for them not to get any more branch lines," declared Pius Michaud, in complaining chiefly of what had been done to the train service on the International Railway since the minister of railways took it over from Thomas Malcolm last fall. He said that the

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March 26---A London cable to J. M. Robinson & Sons says:--The British steamer "Delmira" has been reported torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel.

Crew landed on Isle of Wight. Steamer arrived at Havre on March 14th from St. John, N. B.

ITALY ON BRINK OF WAR

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Mar. 26---A despatch to the Agency Nationale from Rome states that an official cabinet courier has arrived at the Italian capital from Austria with the definite conditions fixed by the Austria as terms of the cession of territory. The conditions are those which Prince Von Buelow refused to submit to the Italian cabinet after his negotiations had failed as he was aware that they would not be acceptable to Italy. The receipt of the definite statement as to Austria's position is expected to end all delay on the part of the cabinet in following its projected course.

ROUMANIA MAY ENTER WAR

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Ma. 26---The entrance of Roumania into the war is expected within 48 hours. A despatch to the Petit Parisien from its Bucharest correspondent states that the surrender of Przemsyl by the Austrians has produced an immense effect upon the people of Roumania. That element in the population which has been hesitating has been convinced that the defeat of Germany and Austria is inevitable. Decisive action by the ministry is expected in the next two days.

VISITED RUSSIAN FRONT

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Mar. 26---General Pau the veteran French General, who has been visiting the Russian battle fronts, was in Bucharest yesterday and left today for Sofia where he will confer with Bulgarian leaders before continuing his journey to Athens.

ALLIED FLEET FORGING AHEAD

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Tenedos, via Athens, Mar. 26---Warships of the allied fleet entered the Dardanelles after dark last night escorting mine sweepers which cleared the channel for 500 yards farther than the point to which it had been safe for the battleship to penetrate before. The forts opened fire on the ships which replied. An intermittent engagement followed.

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograd, Mar. 26---Advices received by the war office today stated that the Austrian troops have evacuated Cernowitz capital of Bukowina and are in full retreat to Hungary. Reports say the Russians have defeated the enemy in a three days battle on the Pruth River.

AWAITING BULGARIA'S ACTION

London, Mar. 26--According to the newspapers of Athens, Greece will not range herself on the side of the Triple Entente Powers by herself. The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says in a despatch from the Grecian capital. She will take active part in the war conjointly with Bulgaria.

Isolated intervention on the part of either Greece or Bulgaria, the correspondent continues, would be regarded in Athens as effective.

VISITED NAVAL STATION.

London, March 26--His Majesty King George returned to London last night after spending the day at the naval station at Harwick and at Felixstone.

REV. MR. KING, METHODIST CLERGY- MAN HAULED OVER THE COALS

Charges Preferred Against Him by Mr. J. W. Smith of Nashwaak Were Sustained---Had Made Use of Disloyal and Unpatriotic Language.

A court of trial was held in the Methodist church, Nashwaak Village, on Wednesday for the purpose of investigating charges made by Mr. James W. Smith to the effect that Rev. J. K. King had expressed from time to time, unpatriotic and un-British statements in reference to the present European war and the part that Great Britain and Canada had taken in the matter. The court opened at ten a.m. and continued in session until an advanced hour in the evening. The Rev. T. W. Wightman, president of the Conference, presided and the Rev. Thomas Marshall, chairman of the District, was invited to a seat beside the presiding officer. The following members composed the committee of trial: Rev. Dr. W. Hanson of Newcastle, Rev. George Steel of St. John, Rev. R. Opie of Woodstock, Rev. Thomas Hicks of Marysville, and

the Rev. John B. Young of Stanley. The Rev. Thomas Hicks was appointed secretary of the court. During the course of the inquiry about ten witnesses were examined and the examination was conducted throughout with the utmost patience and kindly feeling.

THE CHARGES.

The following are the specific charges made by Mr. Smith. "Of language unbecoming a Methodist minister and a loyal British subject in the Methodist church, Nashwaak Village, January 17th, 1915, and in other places, and on other occasions: First, in charging and condemning the British government in bringing on the present European war;

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