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GERMANS PREPARING FOR BIG OFFENSIVE; MORE SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES; JAPAN AND CHINA REPORTED TO BE AT WAR

DOSE OF WHITEWASH FOR J. KIDD FLEMMING

Government Supporters in Legislature Adopt a Resolution Exonerating Him From Dugal Charges—Motion Was Passed in Silence During the Dying Hours of the Session—Some Spicy Extracts From Royal Commission's Report

The session of the New Brunswick Legislature is over. The governor prorogued the House at four o'clock yesterday afternoon after eight unprofitable and uninteresting weeks. In its dying hours, at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon, Premier Clarke laid the "Dugal report" upon the table of the House. It has been in the archives since last October when the royal commissioners finished their work and yet at the latest possible moment of the session, in the absence of Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier, who, with many other members living at a great distance, did not return this week, and with the independent member, Commodore Stewart, also absent en route to St. John, this most important report, which followed an investigation into the Dugal charges, detracted a premier and saved the province hundreds of thousands, was brought into the House with a very few words by the premier.

There was a reason. The report was faulty in the eyes of some. There was not whitewash with it. To remedy this defect J. L. White, M.P.P. for Victoria, and G. B. Jones, M.P.P. for Kings, introduced the white-lime mixture in the shape of the following resolution:

THE WHITEWASH RESOLUTION.

"Resolved that this House, in receiving the report of the commissioners appointed under Chapters 12 and 13, Acts 1914, desire to express its satisfaction at the completeness of the inquiry, there being no disposition to restrict, but the commissioners made the investigation open, full and complete. We note with satisfaction that in the timber charges the commissioners find that the Hon. J. K. Flemming is not guilty, as charged by Mr. Dugal. The railway charges were in brief, that a large sum, amounting to \$600,000 or \$800,000 had been diverted from the purposes for which the money was provided and used for purposes other than the construction of the railway. Full investigation and production of all accounts, vouchers, etc., has led the commission to report that charge falls completely to the ground.

"We also concur in the finding of the commission as follows: That John Kennedy, in June, 1912, contributed \$2,000 to a campaign fund, which finding was evidently based on the evidence of John Kennedy and others that the said Kennedy, on that date, handed to the Hon. J. K. Flemming a sealed packet containing the said amount, which package was, by the said Flemming, handed over to the finance committee of a campaign fund without breaking the seals of the package or examining the contents thereof. That Kennedy obtained the contract from the St. John & Quebec Railway Company, in May, 1912, a month before this payment was made. That subsequently in September, 1913, Kennedy took over from the Hubbard Company some thirty miles of their contract, but, in the language of the commissioner's report, at the time he paid the money he had no thought of obtaining the last mentioned contract for the work was then being done by others and there was apparently no reason for thinking that those then carrying it on would not complete it. There is no doubt we think, that when the payment in question was made, it had no connection in the minds of either party with obtaining a second contract, such as was afterwards entered into."

There have been many mistakes

and blunders made by the new government this session but this resolution is the worst of them.

LAST EFFORT TO

SAVE FLEMMING.

The memory of New Brunswick people will be stirred by the White-Jones resolution. They have almost forgotten the stern and uncompromising condemnation of both ex-Premier Flemming and his methods by Supreme Court Judge H. A. McKeown, ex-Judge W. W. Wells and W. S. Fisher, the royal commissioners. Today all this is revived by this foolish and useless resolution. Flemming, as a Tory federal candidate, condemned by his judges, forsaken by his former political colleagues, bereft of the tremendous power he once swayed, was rapidly losing caste and support in Carleton county. To stem the tide of public opinion he and his friends have invoked the aid of the Legislature. To this end his campaign treasurer in the collection of the graft lumber fund, E. R. Teed has haunted the capital for some time. J. L. White, his business associate, was ready to help him, hence the resolution.

Premier Clarke sat silent while the painful operation was performed. So did Hon. Messrs. Landry and Murray and Wilson. Messrs. Baxter and Morrissey were absent. But when Speaker Melanson started to read the resolution again there was a hurried request from the premier to "dis-pense."

NO CHEERS.

The vote was unanimous in a scant House, about half the members being present. There was no one to protest no one to object and the Flemming followers in the Legislature had their way with the premier's consent, for "silence gives consent." There wasn't a sound, not a rap of a desk, no demonstration. It reminded one of a short funeral oration. Had Mr. White of Victoria, told the whole story in his resolution, he would have added much interest to the proceedings. It was all in the report on the table before the Speaker of the House and The Mail prints the words of the royal commission, chosen by Governor Wood, copied from their report which Mr. White might have added to the lime-washed statements he included in his resolution.

Referring to the charge against Mr. Flemming in connection with holding up railway contractors, the royal commission said:

TOOK MONEY BY COMPULSION.

"As to the evidence against the Hon. Mr. Flemming, it consists of the testimony given by John Kennedy a member of the firm of Kennedy & McDonald, railway contractors, to the effect that he paid Hon. Mr. Flemming the sum of \$2,000 in Woodstock on the 13th day of June, 1913. In describing the circumstances the witness said: 'Mr. Flemming said there was an election on and he (Flemming) said: "You ought to help us along and give us some money," and I said that I wasn't doing much but then to come over tomorrow and I would do the best I could for him.' Mr. Kennedy goes on to say that Mr. Flemming returned the next day, that very little talk was had and he handed Mr. Flemming a package which it was evident contained \$2,000."

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London, May 6—Despatches from Northern France say that the Germans are preparing for a great offensive. They are massing troops at various points. The Kaiser is expected to visit the Battlefront in a few days to direct the fighting. The British steamers Cheerbury 3,320 tons, and the British schooner Earl of Lethon and the Danish steamer Cathay have been sunk by German submarines. All of the crews were saved.

AUSTRIA AND ITALY

Rome, May 6—Persuaded that further efforts to arrive at an understanding with Italy which will insure a continuation of Italian neutrality are useless, Austria has stopped the Geoluchowski Mission, states the "Idea Nazionale." This explanation is offered to account for the fact that although the former Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister has arrived in Italy, he has not yet been presented in audience with King Victor or Premier Salandra.

AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT

Peking, May 6—Announced here that Japan has opened hostilities against China without waiting to issue an ultimatum. The source of the information is not given.

MANY GERMANS WOUNDED

Amsterdam, May 6—Twenty eight hundred German soldiers wounded in the fighting for possession of the summit of Hartmanns, Weiler Kopf are now in hospitals at Metz while 1750 men wounded north of Armentieres have passed through Liege enroute to Germany.

Athens, May 6—Reports from Tenedos that Allied fleet continue bombardment of Dardanelles today. Terrific losses on Turks. Latter return constantly to attack but beaten back invariably through Turkish masked batteries inflicts severe losses on the Allies. Entire Turkish Regiment annihilated at Smyrna by warships' fire.

TURKS LOSE HEAVILY

Tiflis, Transcaucasia, May 6—via Petrograd, London—The pursuit of the defeated Turkish army under command of Khali Bey, in the Khoril Dilman region of Caucasia, is being continued, according to advices reaching Tiflis. This battle which has resulted in heavy losses for the Turks, began April 29, at Hantahta, near Urumiah. In the beginning the Russians stood off the Turks, but the latter received reinforcements and on April 30 the Russians abandoned Dilman and entrenched themselves at Magonzhie, the first village on the way to Khoril. From this position they pounded the Turks with their heavy artillery until the arrival of Russian reinforcements.

MADE GOOD RECORD

Mr. Earle R. Macnutt son of Collector Macnutt of this city has completed his law course at Dalhousie University and taken the degree of L.L.B. He passed a very creditable

examination, taking six firsts, and two seconds. Charles R. Barry and Gregory Pheneay of this city have completed their second year in law at Dalhousie each passing in first division.

ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT FOR YOUNG ITALIAN

Alessandro Petrucci, a young Italian, charged with impersonation in connection with a C.F.R. pay cheque at McAdam, yesterday was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Police Magistrate Limerick. It is expected Petrucci will be let go on suspended sentence on account of his youth. At present he is held as a witness against J. H. Burrill, coal-foreman for the C.F.R. at McAdam, who is charged with making false entries in the time-book.

Burrill's examination before Police Magistrate Limerick began this morning. R. B. Hanson appeared for the prosecution and P. J. Hughes for the defence. Miss Mary C. McCarthy is stenographer, an unusual feature in the local police court. The examination will be lengthy on account of the number of witnesses. Station Agent Gallagher of McAdam, was on the stand this morning.

PREPARING AT SUSSEX.

Lt. Col. J. R. Kirkpatrick, commanding the 55th Battalion, is at Sussex today to inspect the grounds and facilities. The advance party of the corps will go into camp on Friday. Wooden tent-floors have been provided for the battalion. Lieut. C. L. Williams of the 67th Carleton Light Infantry, has been taken on the strength of the 55th.

RELIEF COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC ASSOC., MEETS

The Relief Committee of the Patriotic Association met yesterday. The report of the secretary, M. Tennant, on expenditures and receipts for April was received and passed as follows:

Balance on hand April 1	\$1,779.34
Subscriptions recd. on account	
April 1	167.63
Subscriptions recd. in full	
April 1	10.00
Requisitioned from Ottawa	1,717.25
	\$3,674.21
By amt. paid for relief	\$1,649.25
By amt. paid for expenses	68.00
By bal. to Royal Bank	1,956.96
	\$3,674.21

Number of applicants receiving aid in April, 102.

The number of applications for relief is steadily increasing. That for the present month will be larger than in April.

RECRUITING AT MINTO.

Major W. H. Gray, recruiting officer at this point, left this morning for Minto to secure additional recruits for the 55th Battalion. Two men from that place, Alphonso Dufour, a Belgian, and George Busignits, a native of France, enlisted at St. John yesterday.