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PARLIAMENT BUILDING FIRE INVESTIGATION

Commission Finds Strong Evidences of Incendiarism but Nothing to Justify Opinion that Fire Maliciously Set.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Ont., May 15.—Your commissioners are of the opinion that there are many circumstances connected with this fire that lead to a strong suspicion of incendiarism, especially in view of the fact that the evidence is clear that no one was smoking in the reading room for some time previous to the outbreak of the fire, and also of the fact that the fire could have occurred from defective electric wires, but while your commissioners are of such opinion there is nothing in the evidence to justify your commissioners in finding that the fire was maliciously set.

The parliament buildings at Ottawa on the evening of February 3. The commissioners did not succeed in getting John Rathom, Editor and Manager of the Providence Journal to come to Ottawa but on the 13th of this month they secured a statement from him in which he asserted that three weeks before the fire he notified the United States District Attorney, Mr. Snowden Marshall, of New York, that in three weeks from that time the buildings would be destroyed by fire and that Mr. Marshall publicly acknowledged the notification. Mr. Rathom said the information came directly from the German embassy but he was not in a position to make public the name of his informant. Col. Sherwood, Commissioner of Dominion Police states that this information never reached Ottawa.

WHAT HAPPENED THE CENSURE VOTES IN LEGISLATURE

Hon. H. D. McEwen said that he did not approve of doing road work in election year and he would say that very little was done in his district, and where any work was done it was through absolute necessity. So far as corrupting electors was concerned, the Government's predecessors were past masters at the art, if anybody was. For twenty years he had watched the tactics of the hon. gentlemen and he could show where \$100 had been spent on a road in his district which was not opened yet. Everybody knew how the hay was used one year for corrupting the electors, in regard to the system of doing work, Mr. McEwen said he had been over thirty years doing contract work off and on, and his experiences and firm belief was that if the right man was got to do work by the day it was the cheapest way. If they got a man on contract work they had to get the right man to inspect the work. He had no doubt that more than one-third was saved by getting a good man to do work by day's work. In the end day's work was the cheapest and best. When gentlemen in the Opposition tried to make the country believe that the government was losing money by day's work they did not know what they were talking about because they never had any experience along that line. He knew men who were always anxious to advise others as to how they should conduct their business, but who were never able to make ends meet themselves. In concluding his remarks on this subject, Hon. Mr. McEwen said: "I believe that his government is doing the work as well as any government can do it, and I say so because it is absolutely true. If I believed that the Government was spending money improperly I would not justify it."

work; there were 3 systems in use, day's work, sale and tender. The engineer made specifications and estimates and the Commission had that to go by. Work, said the Commissioner, could not be better done than by day's work. Contractors were apt to neglect their work and try to make all the money they could out of it. He challenged any of the Opposition to put his hand on a dollar that had been mis-spent. It was no use for them to go around with that moonshine, they had not shown anything against him yet and never could. Applause. Hon. CHAS. DALTON said that the people were praising the roads throughout the country, and in his district the Government had done well in this regard, and he hoped the roads would continue in the future to be as good as they were at present. Mr. Dewar's amendment was then voted on and carried.

RESOLUTION RE PROHIBITION. Mr. W. H. DENNIS, moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. A. E. McLean. "WHEREAS the Temperance Alliance of this Province is composed of men of both political parties—men who are actuated by an unselfish and patriotic desire to promote the moral welfare of the people—men who give valuable assistance to the Government in the enforcement of the Prohibition Act. "THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House desire to express its confidence in and its thanks for the unselfish and patriotic efforts of the Alliance and will always be prepared to give due consideration to any of its proposals."

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Hon. J. A. McNEILL, Commissioner of Public Works, made a brief but able speech, in which he scored the Opposition on their party criticism. If any man should be disposed to bestow praise on the roads, that man was Mr. Lea. In that gentleman's district there was a roadmaster who had done some of the finest work in the country. Mr. Lea had complained about a certain "little swamp." Was he ashamed to name it the other day? It was known as "Lea's Swamp." There were many swamps this year in bad condition, entangled since coming to Char. The road to which Mr. Howatt had referred was opened long before the election was thought of. He knew as well as the Commissioner did that the farmers in Miacouche wanted that road opened for the purpose of hauling musel-mud. The Leader of the Opposition had talked about the great extravagance of day's work. The government did not do all its work by day's

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MORE FOOD RIOTS IN GERMANY

LONDON, May 15.—Unprecedented food riots, occurred in Mannheim, Germany, last Saturday, according to a Geneva correspondent, Military brought machine guns into play, to quell mobs. 300 persons were killed or wounded.

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THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON ETC.

TORONTO May 15.—Maritime light to moderate winds and mostly fair. The tide will be high this morning at 9 and tomorrow at 9.41; it will be high tonight at 10.18 and tomorrow at 11.10. The sun sets this evening at 7.27 and tomorrow at 7.28; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.25 and Thursday at 4.24. The moon rises tonight at 7.01. The first quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, May 10th at 4.47 a. m. The moon will be full on Wednesday, May 17th at 10.11 a. m. The length of today will be fourteen hours and fifty-eight minutes.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS ETC

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THE WAR SITUATION ON DIFFERENT FRONTS

Brilliant Attack by French Troops Drove Enemy from Front of 200 Metres Capturing Prisoners. Germany Admits Repulse. Russians Made Further Successes.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, May 15.—An official communication by the war office says "In Champagne bombardment was carried out this morning by the enemy in the region called Le-Mesnil Les Maisons De Champagne, followed by several simultaneous attacks by small effective at divers points on this front. All these attacks were arrested by our curtain of fire or repulsed by counter attacks and were fruitless. In the region of Verdun there was intermittent bombardment of our first and second lines west of the Meuse. On heights of the Meuse a sudden attack for which preparations had been made by our artillery was entirely successful. Our patrols cleared enemy trenches on the front about

200 metres and brought back some prisoners. Our artillery shelled enemy detachments on the road between Essey and Pannes, southwest of Thiaucourt. A Belgian communication says "Artillery action was resumed this morning with great violence in the sector of Dixmude. A German party which attempted to gain a footing in a trench along the Yser north of that town was immediately driven back."

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD May 14.—An official communication today reads: On Gen Evert's front the enemy at many places maintains a brisk artillery fire. On the Caucasus front, in the direction of Mamakhatun our reconnaissances

produced successful results. In the direction of Diarbekir we repulsed the Kurdi offensive. In the direction of Mosul our troops entered the town of Rivandousa and secured ammunition depots. The enemy beat a precipitate retreat abandoning convoys and war material, our cavalry in close pursuit.

Paris, May 15.—The bombardment in the region of the Avocourt Wood and Hill 304 in the Verdun sector still continues, according to an official statement, issued to-day by the French war office. In a small engagement west of Mount Tetu, in Champagne, the French captured 15 prisoners. Calm prevailed on the rest of the front.

IT WAS CAMPAIGN LITERATURE THAT LIBERALS WANTED

Frank Carvell and the Scandal Mongers With Him Shown Up by Major Bullock, Chaplain of American Legion—Revelations as to How Carvell Secured His Information as to the Graft Charges Made Against Shell Committee.

(Ottawa Free Press, Liberal) Major C. S. Bullock, chaplain of the 97th Overseas Battalion (American Legion), who is remembered as pastor of the Church of our Father on Elgin street, Ottawa, was in the city yesterday, and dropped in on the sitting of the Meredith-Duff Commission. When seen by a Free Press reporter, the major said: "This all reminds me of a trip I recently made down into Quebec. On the train from Montreal I met a senator, a leader and a close friend of Mr. Carvell, who outlined to me the very testimony I have been hearing since this facial investigation began, and when I remonstrated with the charges that were made up by the committee, he followed this up by asking 'what evidence have you that the shell committee is crooked?' I was answered 'None, I wish we had.'"

"When I said 'What is Carvell doing at then if you don't expect to prove anything?' he said: 'OH, WE ARE MAKING CAMPAIGN LITERATURE; THE PEOPLE WILL READ THE STATEMENTS AND MANY OF THEM WILL BELIEVE WHAT THEY READ.' "This caused me to say: 'I have rotten politics over in the States, but any man who would try a thing like that would be ostracized by the decent thinking people of the whole country.' "But the whole thing dovetailed so perfectly with an experience I had just had, that I was not surprised." Pressed for an explanation, the major told quite an interesting story.

HIM AT THE ONTARIO CLUB (Toronto) the next morning. Well, Mr. Carvell did meet him and Rogers informed me next day that he told him the things he had told me. Then Rogers came to my hotel and, in the hearing of a friend of mine, one of the leading Methodist ministers of Ontario, called Mr. Carvell up and had me talk with him so that I might know he was not 'playing a bluff.' TO THIS METHODIST MINISTER AND TO ME, ROGERS SAID CARVELL AGREED TO PAY HIM TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK AND EXPENSES AND SEND HIM TO NEW YORK TO GET THE CORRESPONDENCE. The first money was to be paid over by a lame man, and when one of my friends, who is lame in both feet, left his car at the front and called at the hotel for me, Rogers had agreed to send. Within the next few days Rogers, who had not money enough for his ticket from Toronto to Ottawa when he telegraphed Carvell, was quite well supplied with cash and was on his way to New York.

"Now comes the strange part. Our battalion is among those named as to

soon go overseas. I was making a trip to New York to take leave of my friends, and on the train was Mr. Carvell. As Mr. Carvell did not know me, I broached the matter of Rogers, stating what he had told me and asking what use could be made of his story and WAS TOLD THAT HE WAS TOO DANGEROUS A WITNESS TO PUT ON THE STAND, BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN OF CONSIDERABLE SERVICE.

"This was a week ago Friday, when Mr. Carvell, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Merkey went to New York, where on Saturday, Mr. Rogers was met at the hotel. ROGERS THAT AFTERNOON HAD BEEN DETECTED TAKING PAPERS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VERY MAN WHOSE LETTER OF INTRODUCTION HE HAD BROUGHT TO ME, AND SINCE THEN ROGERS HAS EFFECTUALLY DISAPPEARED.

"When I got back to Ottawa, I attempted to speak of Rogers to Mr. Carvell, but he turned off saying 'Butcher'—you see, he didn't quite get my name. You made a fool of me once. You can't do it again. Don't ever try to say another word to me and I've been wondering ever since what I've been Carvell so?"

MISSANABIE BRINGS MORE SOLDIERS

237 Returned Soldiers Arrive at Quebec—Lt. Col. Ings of the 105th Highland Regiment, One of the Party. QUEBEC, May 14.—The Canadian Pacific steamship Missanabie, Captain Evans, arrived in port at 11.40 o'clock last night. She carried 543 passengers, 237 of whom were returned Canadian soldiers in charge of Major Baly, of the 3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles. Officers in the party included Lt. Col. Ings, 105th Highland Regiment of P. E. I.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN REPORTED WRECKED

LONDON, May 15.—The destruction of another Zeppelin is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. It is said the Zeppelin was brought down off the west coast of Norway, and that three British destroyers went in pursuit of it.

ously supported the daylight saving bill then introduced into the Dominion Parliament. "That the scheme provides for the lengthening of the generally available hours of daylight which both for work and recreation is so much preferable to artificial light, while for persons engaged in business the extra hour of daylight after working hours would be a great boon, especially in those sections of this country where there is but a brief twilight. "That to make the scheme entirely successful it should prevail throughout the Dominion to which end federal legislation is necessary. "That the council, therefore prays the Dominion Government to introduce into Parliament, with a view to its adoption during the present session legislation providing that from the first day of May to the thirteenth day of September, both dates inclusive, the local time at all places in Canada shall be one hour in advance of standard time, and that for this year the arrangements shall be made operative as early as possible after the passage of said legislation."

MONTREAL, May 15.—The following is the resolution respecting the daylight saving scheme, addressed by the Council of the Board of Trade to the Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden at its meeting on Wednesday. "Resolved, That the council of the whereunder for the months of May, Montreal Board of Trade has long favored the daylight saving scheme June, July, August and September, the local time is one hour in advance of standard time. "That in 1909 the council unanimously

CARVELL'S LAWYER A PRO-GERMAN

Jerome, one of the Strongest Pro-Germans in United States, is the Man Chosen to Track Down The Minister of Militia.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, May 15.—The New York lawyer hired by Frank B. Carvell, M. P. to track down the Minister of Militia in connection with the fuse contract charges is, according to his own admission in the House of Commons on Saturday, William Travers Jerome. The same William Travers Jerome is, according to Mr. Jerome's own statement, a pronounced German sympathizer. This is proved beyond doubt by the letter written by Mr. Travers Jerome on June 29, 1916, to Mr. Arthur Von Briesen, relating to a nation wide plot in the United States on the part of the German Americans to prevent the shipment of munitions from the United States to the Allies. This letter was published by the New York World with other exposures

when that paper turned the light upon the startling intrigue against the Allies on behalf of the Kaiser in the United States last August. Mr. Jerome is on record as one of the strongest pro-Germans in the United States. Arthur Von Briesen, to whom the letter was written, is one of the most active of the Russian Agents in the United States and Mr. Kresel, a partner of Mr. Jerome is a prominent New York German. The latest sensation in political circles was sprung this evening when the above information was made public. In the letter to Von Briesen, Jerome announced his sympathy with Von Briesen's campaign and accepting a retainer from Von Briesen in the business of preventing the exportation of munitions to the Allies from the United States.

FRANCE DOES NOT WANT GERMANY TO TENDER PEACE BUT TO ASK FOR PEACE

NANCY, May 14.—President Poincaré, in a speech here today responded to Germany's declaration regarding peace contained in the German reply to the American note. "France does not want Germany to tender peace," said the President, "but wants her adversary to ask for peace." The President then made known clearly the only kind of peace which would be acceptable to France. The address was delivered at the Molitor Lorraine refugees, to whom the President, after expressing his sympathy and renewing promises of solicitude and protection, said: "France will not expose her sons to dangers of new aggressions. The Central Empires, haunted by remorse for having brought on the war, and terrified by the indignation and hatred they have stirred up in mankind, are trying today to make the world believe that the Allies alone are responsible for the prolongation of hostilities—a dull irony which will deceive no one."

"Neither directly nor indirectly have our enemies offered us peace. But we do not want them to offer it to us; we want them to ask for it. We do not want to submit to their conditions; we want to impose ours on them. We do not want a peace which would leave Imperial Germany with the power to recommence the war and keep Europe eternally menaced. We want peace which receives from restored rights serious guarantees of equilibrium and stability. "So long as that peace is not assured to us, so long as our enemies will not recognize themselves as vanquished, we will not cease to fight." President Poincaré told the refugees that they were only a small number of the victims of the invasion, these were distributed in all parts of the country, and there was not a department that was not sheltering thousands. Everywhere they were waiting with calm confidence for the hour of deliverance.

AN AERIAL ATTACK ON MAJADAGH

PARIS, May 15.—An aerial attack on Majadagh, near the Greek-Serbian frontier, southwest of Dolran, in which fourteen civilians were killed, is reported in a Havas despatch from Salonika. The raid occurred on Friday. A number of persons were wounded.

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Opposition Discuss Defective Ammnitions

(From our own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, May 15. Investigation of another Opposition scandal with the Minister of Militia as its object was commenced on Saturday when evidence was taken by the Davidson Commission in connection with the sale of defective ammunition by the Militia Department to Vickers Limited. It will resume Tuesday when Opposition members may appear with their counsel if they desire. The sale of ammunition in question was about three million rounds in all. It was objected to by the Auditor General on the ground that it had been sold for \$20 whereas the normal price at which ammunition was bought was \$33. It was disposed of to Col. J. Wesley Allison through his influence with General Hughes and afterwards disposed of by him to other parties at a higher price. The facts as sworn to Saturday afternoon before the Davidson Commission in connection with the sale of defective ammunition which that General Hughes had nothing to do with the sale, that Col. Allison at the instance of Vickers Ltd., for whom he was acting at the time had asked the Minister for defective ammunition to be used by the firm for machine gun testing purposes. That he had obtained at the regular price fixed for such sales to rifle clubs etc. and that he made absolutely no commission thereon. The ammunition was sold by General MacDonald.

***** "Fight for the colors of Christ the King, Fight as He fought for you, Fight for the right, with all thy might, Fight for the red, white and blue." *****