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ROYAL COMMISSION ON FUSE CONTRACTS

President of Russel Motor Car Co. Subjected to Gruelling Examination Declares it a Mystery Why He did not Receive Contracts and Did Not Know Why He Was Passed By.

(Special to the Guardian.) OTTAWA, May 11.—Seldom has any prominent Canadian manufacturer been subjected to so grilling a cross-examination as that submitted to by Mr. Lord Harris, president of the Russel Motor Car Company, at the tenth day of the Meredith-Duff Commission. Mr. Harris appeared with fairly copious memoranda dealing with various negotiations he had with Col. Carnegie and the Shell Committee. For hours he was examined, cross-examined, re-examined, and then examined again, with regard to details in these. For the first time direct statements regarding Col. Allison as the man to be seen in connection with fuse contracts were brought in and Mr. Harris admitted that it was his impression that Col. Allison was dishonest and the work of middlemen which prevented him from getting fuse contracts. At the same time he intimated his belief that Col. Carnegie was an honest man but that he had been fooled by some "higher up" to do dishonorable things against his better judgment. Such a mass of conflicting and contradictory evidence was introduced that Sir William Meredith, at the close of the examination, subjected Mr. Harris to an examination of unusual severity. Brushing aside all verbiage he abruptly demanded of Mr. Harris whether he believed there were improprieties in connection with these contracts. Sir William asked Mr. Harris if it was customary to make notes with regard to all transactions as he had done in this case. Mr. Harris replied that it was his custom. "I suppose you recognize that Colonel Carnegie's duty was not to allow any fuses to be contracted for unless in his judgment they could be properly made at the factory proposing to make them."

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USUAL CANNONADING STILL IN PROGRESS

Germans Vainly Battering Verdun Forts and Being Slaughtered. Kaiser Asks President Wilson to Intercede for Peace.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, May 11.—An official communication from the war office tonight says: "In the region of Verdun there was a somewhat severe artillery engagement in the sector of Avocourt, a violent bombardment of our positions in Gaillette wood and of our second lines on the right bank of the Meuse occurred. There were some gusts of artillery fire in the Woivre. There was no event to report on the rest of the front except the usual cannonading. An official Belgian communication says: "An artillery action is in progress in the region of Ramschappelle and Score. Reciprocal bombardment in the sector of Dixmude continued today."

LONDON, May 11.—"There is no doubt whatever," says the London Daily Telegraph, "that during the last few days a definite attempt has been made by the German Government to impress neutrals with its strong desire for peace, with a view to inducing them to come forward as mediators and break up the alliance of its enemies, by getting one of them to conclude a separate peace. "For the present it would not serve any useful purpose to disclose the facts in their entirety, but it can be said that the Kaiser has personally sent a letter to President Wilson, in which appealing to him as the greatest neutral authority, he expatiates on the necessity of urging the Entente Powers not to prolong indefinitely

what seems to him their 'quite useless efforts of revenge.' "Moreover, in the capitals of several of the neutral countries, the German representatives have been particularly insistent in their assurances that if given a fair chance, Germany would do her best to conciliate her present opponents. "It is believed in many quarters that so far as Germany is concerned, the Irish troubles were engineered with the idea of bringing home to President Wilson an approximate estimate of the international dangers his own country would incur, if it should be called upon to make war upon Germany, with so many millions of Germans and Irishmen living under the Stars and Stripes."

TURKS CLAIM SUCCESSES IN CAUCASUS

(Special to the Guardian.) CONSTANTINOPLE, May 11.—The Turkish war office claims that in an all day battle in Mount Kope sector on the Caucasus front the Russians were driven out of positions nearly ten miles in length and the Turks captured more than 300 men and four machine guns.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS ARRESTED IN IRELAND BEING RELEASED

(Special to the Guardian.) DUBLIN, May 11.—The National Volunteers who were arrested as Irish volunteers when they went in reality to follow John Redmond are now being released. General Maxwell, British commander, has granted facilities for the identification of all loyal volunteers.

THE YEAR'S TOLL OF UNARMED SHIPS

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, May 11.—Between May 7, 1915, and May 7, 1916, 37 unarmed British merchant and 22 neutral vessels were torpedoed without warning, said Thomas J. McNamara, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty today in the House of Commons. McNamara added these figures were known to the American Government.

GERMAN TREASON IN HEART OF LONDON

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, May 10. Discussing the necessity for defence of the realm regulations, Herbert Samuel, Secretary for Home Affairs, stated today that within the last few weeks there had been discovered in the heart of London a public house occupied by a naturalized German and a resort of other naturalized Germans where language of the most treasonable and anti-British character was used. He added it might become a dangerous centre. Mr. Samuel said he doubted whether any charge could have been formulated under the ordinary law but it was necessary to deal with such cases and the power in his hands enabled him promptly to inter the men concerned.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE IRISH REBELLION

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, May 10.—A Royal Commission has been appointed to investigate the Irish Rebellion which now, seemingly, has been entirely put down. Premier Asquith informed the House of Commons that there seems to be no necessity of further extreme measures against the rebels. The debate on the Irish situation has been postponed in the House of Commons until Thursday, pending which no further executions of leaders in the revolt will take place. Baron Winborne Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland has resigned. As the only way in which their aspirations for self government possibly can be realized, the Irish Parliamentary Party in a manifesto has called upon the people of Ireland to support a constitutional movement and oppose "the insane course of Irish policy."

COMMISSION TO EXTEND CANADIAN TRADE

(Special to the Guardian.) OTTAWA, May 10.—Sir Geo. Foster today announced the personnel of the Commission of Canadian business men who will visit the United Kingdom, France and Belgium and study the opportunities for extensions of Canadian trade in those markets. The Commission, which will be an honorary one, will consist of Mr. Jas. W. Woods, Toronto, Theo. H. Wardleworth and Frank Paue, Montreal, H. Edmund Dupre, Quebec, Frank H. Hathway, St. John and Geo. W. Allen of Winnipeg. It is expected that the Commission will be in Europe by midsummer.

GERMAN REPORTS

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, May 11.—Gregory Rapuhn, a Russian monk who is reported to have exercised great influence over Emperor Nicholas has been assassinated according to reports to Bucharst news agency today.

FRENCH SUBMARINE SANK ENEMY TRANSPORT

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, May 10.—A French Submarine sank an enemy transport laden with war material in the Lower Adriatic Sea yesterday, says Havas despatch from Rome.

SPLENDID DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AT THE PRINCE EDWARD

The Theatre was Crowded Last Night to See the Production of the Great British Drama, "The White Feather." Showing the German Intrigues and the Manner in Which They are Countered.

Manager Gallagher of the Prince Edward Theatre is indeed to be congratulated upon his enterprise in bringing to Charlottetown such a stupendous theatrical success as that presented last evening—"The White Feather"—a drama of the present war which has already thrilled the people of three continents. The play is British to the core with an all-English cast. The fame of this play had preceded it and the fact that all the seats were bought up far in advance of the opening date shows that the people of Charlottetown appreciate a really good thing when it comes along. The drama, as is well known is an expose of the spy-system of German and a powerful illustration of how it is checked and countered by the representatives of the British Secret Service. The portrayal of the dominant figure of the drama, Christopher Brent, is in the capable hands of Mr. Albert Brown a talented actor whose work has attracted exceptionally favorable attention from critics, managers and the theatre-going public throughout the Dominion. His conception of the astute and dauntless secret service agent, who hides his real personality and his dangerous and vitally important mission under the assumption of the attributes of an Englishman of the blithering idiot type, is one which could not be excelled. It is difficult to believe that Mr. Brown is not an Englishman, not so much because of his amusing impersonation of the exaggerated chappiness of Brent, but because of the surety with which he preserves the characterization when the superficial mannerisms are laid aside and Brent appears in his real role of a keen and daring servant of the King. The other parts are well taken, among those worthy of individual mention being Miss Mabel Read as Frau-lein Schroeder, Miss Olive Temple as Miriam Lee, Miss Justin Cutting as Miss Myrtle, Miss Marion Cooper, as Molly Preston, Mr. Stapleton Kent as

Carl Sanderson, Miss Vera Rial as Mrs. Sanderson, and Mr. J. Palmer Collins as John Preston. There were numerous dramatic periods throughout the whole performance, tense with excitement, and the audience thrilled to the very utmost one moment would be holding their sides with laughter the next minute. Without doubt this company put up the finest dramatic work seen here for years and the magnificent stage settings which were utilized so skillfully to meet local conditions contributed in no small degree to the success of the production. It is really refreshing to have a genuine out-and-out British play dealing with present day conditions come to the city, and it is to be hoped that more of such meritorious attractions will be seen. "The White Feather" will be repeated tonight and those who missed seeing it last night, should make it a point to be on hand early this evening for the second and final presentation of the play here.

MR. MCLEAN REPLIES TO MR. J. J. HUGHES

Mr. Hughes Joins in the Liberal Chorus, Defames His Constituency and His Province Bringing a Flat Contradiction from Mr. A. A. McLean Under which He Sits Silent if not Ashamed.

Below is given the Hanzard report of the speech delivered by Mr. A. A. McLean immediately after Mr. Michael Clark, Liberal member for Red Deer had made his memorable speech denouncing the scandalous waste of time by Liberal oppositionists in their petty criticisms. Mr. J. J. Hughes had joined in the chorus of small critics and faultfinding and Mr. McLean very properly contradicted his statements. "Mr. A. A. McLEAN (Queen's, P. E. I.): I believe we all feel that the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Clark) has struck the right note, and that he has expressed the feeling of the people of Canada. As he has said, this is not the time for such criticism as we have had. I had a letter yesterday from a young man at the front, and he told me that he had just come in from the trenches. He told of the fearful sights he had seen, with dead men all around him, and he asks: "What are you doing in Canada; what are you doing in Parliament? You are fighting like blazes" and for what? Is it for anything material in the carrying on of this war—is it for anything material at all? Take, for instance, the statements made by the hon. member for Kings (Mr. Hughes) He said there was nothing but partisanship in the conduct of the Militia Department in relation to the soldiers in Prince Edward Island. I represent the largest constituency in that province, and I have never heard a word uttered with reference to partisanship. I know that from one end of Prince Edward Island to the other there is perfect harmony, that every man, woman and child is doing his or her best to forward the interests of Canada in this great war for the liberty of the world. The hon. member for Kings made one statement which, I think, should not be passed over by me; he said that no Liberal doctor is allowed to examine a soldier, and he referred to the case of a doctor whose nephew or brother had been killed. The man to whom he referred is evidently Colonel Warburton. In Prince Edward Island we have had a great number of men go to the front. In the last battery that went, Dr. Warburton examined nearly all the recruits. In previous batteries, of which there have been two or three, Dr.

Warburton examined all. But in the last battery that was raised another doctor was given his turn. Dr. Warburton is not dissatisfied with the treatment he has received. He is a retired officer and the men who did the examining of the last battery are men in the active militia. It would seem that to the mind of the hon. member for Kings it is an unpardonable thing that the Conservative party should have successfully carried out Canada's share in the conduct of the war. Had they made mistakes that would have been to the advantage of the Liberal party, but because they have conducted affairs honestly they have been unpardonably wrong in the eyes of the hon. gentleman. There was another statement of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Hughes) to which I wish to refer, and that is with reference to the officers who have gone with the several contingents. Of the officers who have gone to the front, as well as those who are with the battalion now in Charlottetown, the majority have been Liberals. Nobody had anything to say against that. Though I am a Conservative I never had anything to say against the appointment of a Liberal officer. All that is wanted is that the officer shall be competent to fill the position to which he is appointed. That is what all Canadians want, and that nothing else. We do not want politics in military affairs. We do not want to put a Conservative in a position of command if he is not competent to command, and that has not been done in the province of Prince Edward Island. Now, with regard to the supply of groceries and other things for the soldiers in Prince Edward Island, let me say that these contracts were given after call for tenders. I understand the contracts have been given to the lowest bidders. I have not made any inquiry as to who got the contracts, it is no part of my business; I never interfered in it one way or the other. I do not think that any of my Liberal-Conservative friends in my constituency took any interest in it. All they wanted was to get as many good men as possible and to send them to the front to do their duty for the defence of the Empire.

ENCOURAGING REPORT FROM FOX RANGES

Many of the Companies Have Had Exceptionally Large Litters this Spring. Whole Situation Encouraging.

From quite a number of the fox ranches in this Province come very optimistic reports come just now. The General Fox Farms report that one of sixteen litters examined a few days ago they found sixty-nine pups. There are more litters to be examined. This is a magnificent showing. The company have twenty-three breeders in the ranch and expect additional litters. The Seal River Company have twenty-one pairs in their ranch and up to date they have seventeen litters with more to follow. Some of the litters are quite large. The prospects for this Company seem even brighter than in former years. The success of the past couple of years means a reduction in capitalization from \$15,000 to \$6,000 per pair, which is "going some."

The Canada-Atlantic Fox and Fur Company report excellent results this year, having thirty-one pups from the first seven pairs examined. The Provincial John Agnew Silver Black Fox Co., state that from present appearances the situation looks good. Up to now they have in the vicinity of fifty pups. The J. R. Dennis Black Fox Co. Ltd have sixty pairs of foxes in their fine ranch on Mount Edward Road. Mr. Dennis has only examined some fifteen or twenty pairs so far but the prospects look very bright and there have been practically no losses. The Charlottetown Silver Black Foxes, Ltd., have fourteen litters with others to follow. Out of twelve litters examined forty-four pups were found. The Connaught Black Foxes, Ltd., have twelve pairs and so far have five litters with others due shortly. Out of four of those litters there were sixteen pups. The Rogers-Payton and Silver, foxes, and Furs, Ltd. have a fair proportion of foxes this year. (Continued on page three.)