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INVESTIGATION OF WAR CONTRACTS

Powell Who Made \$9,000 out of Sale of Supplies to Government Admitted He Turned Money over to Garland, Whom Sir Robert Borden had Read out of Party.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
OTTAWA, June 25.—After a long and grilling cross-examination, Ernest Powell, the young drug clerk, who was proved before the Public Accounts Committee last session to have made \$9,000 profit in a few months out of the sale of medical supplies to the Government, broke down this afternoon and admitted that he had turned over the great balance of his profits to W. F. Garland, M.P. for Carleton County. He admitted that he had given all but a few hundred dollars to Garland, and then told how before the ventilation of the affair by the Public Accounts Committee, Garland had given him back the money with instructions to repay it to the chairman of that committee. It was only after intense questioning by Mr. John Thompson, K.C., prosecuting counsel, after the production of unquestionable proofs, and after being warned by Sir Charles Davidson, that he was making a mistake in trying to trifle with his evidence, that Powell was induced to tell who was the man behind the now famous transaction in which he enriched himself at the Government's expense.

The scene as he gave his evidence was a painful one. Proof was furnished that he had withdrawn from his account in the Union Bank, where he deposited his profits, sums of over \$1,000 and he was asked to state what

he had done with them. The witness, who is only a boy in years, could find nothing to say in answer to Mr. Thompson's insistent questionings beyond the monotonous repetition that he "could not remember," and there were long and painful silences before even this much could be elicited from him. Finally, after being warned by Sir Charles Davidson, he gave way and admitted that he had withdrawn these sums to pay over to Garland. From this on the flow of evidence ran more smoothly. When it halted Sir Charles admonished the witness not "to fall from grace again," and this had the desired effect. Mr. Garland was not present while Powell was giving his evidence. His absence having been noted, there was much speculation as to what defence the man who was read out of the Conservative party last session by Sir Robert Borden, but who has since refused to accept that verdict, would put up on Monday when the hearing resumes.

This morning's session was occupied by a great part with the evidence of W. J. Shaver, Canadian agent of Baur & Black, the Chicago firm which supplied to Powell the goods he afterwards sold to the Government. Mr. Shaver stated he came to Ottawa looking for business direct with the Government. He had called on Colonel Carleton Jones, Director-General of Medical Services, accompanied by Garland, and had there become convinced that his house could not do business direct with the Government.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
OTTAWA, June 25.—A statement as to his connection with the purchase of two submarines for Pacific coast defence, just on the eve of the declaration of war last August, was made by Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, before the Commission which is investigating war contracts. Sir Richard indignantly denied allegations as to doubtful dealing which have been made in political quarters in connection with the transaction. British Columbia's Premier also told Auditor-General John Fraser, who was present, that he greatly regretted Mr. Fraser's statements to the effect that he purchase had looked suspicious and that he considered he had not taken the steps he should have cleared the matter up. The mistake made in the transmission of a telegram to Ottawa as a result of which the purchase price of the submarines was represented at \$1,050,000 instead of \$1,150,000, was cleared up, Mr. Fraser admitting that his suspicions as to this had been satisfied. Sir Richard first made a statement, explaining that he wished to take advantage of his presence in the city to clear up his connection with the purchase of the submarines for which he desired to assume full responsibility. They had been bought shortly before war was declared because of the presence in Pacific waters of two German cruisers, *Tanquer* and *Victoria*, had appealed to him and he had secured the boats, being quite prepared to have British Columbia foot the bill for them if the Federal Government considered their purchase unwarranted. The price had been \$1,150,000, and a cheque for this money had been made and entrusted by Sir Richard to Lieut. Picher, naval officer, and paid by him to Mr. J. Peterson of the Seattle Drydock and Construction Company, which was acting as representatives of the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey, the builders. Any statement made by the Auditor-General of Canada that there was anything suspicious about the matter was unwarranted.

TIE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to The Guardian.)
TORONTO, June 26.—Maritime: Moderate winds; fair and a little warmer.
THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was cool and cloudy.
The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 59 deg. above zero and the lowest was 46 above. The lowest of the previous night was 49 above zero and the highest 54.
The tide will be high this morning at 8.46; tomorrow at 7.55; and Monday at 10.39; it will be high tonight at 12.37, Sunday at 11.32 and Monday at 12.37.
The sun sets this evening, tomorrow and Monday at 7.55; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.10, Monday and Tuesday at 4.11.
The moon rises this evening at 8.09 and tomorrow at 8.
The first quarter of the moon was on Sunday June 20th, at 10.21 a. m.
There will be a full moon on Sunday, June 27th, at 12.07 a. m.
The length of today and tomorrow will be fifteen hours and forty-five minutes.

SITUATION IN THE EAST IS STILL VERY CONFLICTING

Russian and Austrian Reports are Contradictory. Russians Claim to have Driven Austrians Across River. Berlin Admits this while Austrians Deny it. On Western Fronts Reports are also Conflicting.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 25.—Along the sector of the Dniester battle front in Galicia between Souranval and Halicz heavy fighting is going on.
There is some conflict over the situation according to the official reports. The Russians claimed that they have punished the Austro-German forces there and that by rushing up reinforcements they have compelled them to retreat across the river. Berlin admits this reverse but the Austrian communication says the Teutonic attack there is making progress.
North of this area and still farther north over the frontier in Poland the

Austro-German advances are sweeping forward. Whatever the outcome of the struggle along the Dniester the Russians have met with reverses that in the belief of military experts from the standpoint of the Allies the western theatre seems to be the only quarter which holds out the possibility of a decisive action during the summer. The French and German claims relative to fighting on the western front are widely at variance. Military observers here believe that the French still have their eyes on Lille with its factories and railroads and advance the theory that the recurrent and persistent attacks week in

and week out along virtually the same section of the German front prove this.
Though meeting with the hardest resistance on the Dniester the initiative in the east still rests with the Austro-Germans. Few military writers care to hazard a guess as to what their next move will be. It is argued by the mthat the situation in the west may at any moment become pressing and that Germany and Austria may be forced to content with having recovered Galicia and broken the Russian offensive without seeking further to humiliate her at this time.

100 LIVES LOST BY PIER COLLAPSE

(Special to The Guardian.)
PETROGRAD, June 25.—A despatch received here from Kazan, European Russia, 400 miles east of Moscow, saying that upwards of 100 lives were lost in the collapse of a river pier at one of the local pleasure gardens.

RUSSIANS AGAIN REPEL GERMANS

(Special to The Guardian.)
PETROGRAD, June 25.—The Austro-German forces were repulsed with heavy losses at three points on the Dniester River by Russians, according to an official statement given out today. In Kosmierzne district, where the Russians carried by assault a strongly fortified height. Enormous losses are said to have been inflicted upon the Germans in this region.

GERMANY WILL INCREASE ARMY

(Special to The Guardian.)
SURZ, Switzerland, June 25.—According to an authoritative source, Germany will be able to place eight new army corps in the field by the end of July. These will be composed chiefly of the second category Landsturm, comprising men who never performed military service, but are now in training, and inland reserves, who have been resting in interior Germany. It is calculated that these new corps will about equal in number the exhausted troops returning from Galicia, who will be granted partial rest doing service as inland reserves.

APPRECIATIVE ADDRESS TO LORD HALDANE

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, June 25.—(Gazette Cable)—A movement is afoot to present an address to Lord Haldane expressing the appreciation of his services to the country and party.

RENOVATING ST. JAMES' MANSE

The Board of Trustees have awarded the contract for the alteration and renovating of St. James' Manse as follows:—General contract, Mr. Major Schurman; heating, Mr. James McEachern; plumbing, Messrs. Bruce Stewart & Co. The building will be entirely overhauled at a cost of about \$5,000.
The main features of the exterior alterations will be the addition of a bay window on the west side and on the main front, and on part of the east side there will be a two storey veranda. The veranda will be carried on columns resting on stone piers. The interior changes necessitate the complete remodelling of the rooms. The drawing-room will occupy the whole of the east side of the house and will measure 35 by 16 feet. At one end there will be an alcove with a small leaded glass window for light. The kitchen wing will have a breakfast-room, pantry and new stairs and entrance. Upstairs the study will be increased in size and a new bathroom and maids room will be provided. A new heating and plumbing system will be installed. The alterations will make the manse one of the most comfortable houses in Charlottetown.
The architects are Messrs. Chappell & Hunter, Charlottetown.

NORWAY STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, June 25.—A despatch from Copenhagen says the steamer *Nova* arrived there with members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer, *Truma*, torpedoed by a German submarine, then set on fire near Shetland Islands. The *Truma* was built in 1896, was 1,557 gross tons and owned in Norway.

FRENCH REPORT

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, June 25.—The War Office to-night made the official statement: "North of Arras we can only report today a rather violent cannonading from the positions of Souchez and Neuville and an engagement with grenades east of the Labyrinth. In La Boiselle east of Albert the enemy exploded two mines without result. Between the Oise and the Aisne there has been artillery firing, particularly in the region of Quenoyvillers. In West Argonne a few engagements with grenades enabled us to make slight progress. In the Vosges a German attack at Hiltgenstr was repulsed. In the course of a counter-attack which we made on June 23rd in the region of Ban de Sapt we captured four machine guns and a quantity of rifle cartridges and grenades."

V. C. AND D. S. CROSSES FOR SUBMARINE CREW

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, June 25.—It is officially announced today that the Victoria Cross has been awarded Lieut. Com. Nasmith for taking his submarine into the Sea of Marmora, and sinking various Turkish transports and a gunboat. Two officers of the submarine were awarded the distinguished service cross and each of the crew a distinguished service medal.

GREAT BRITAIN'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT NEARLY 3,000,000

LONDON, June 25.—The Times military correspondent, welcoming the Government's decision to seek the power to make the national registration, points out that Great Britain's military establishment is now in the neighbourhood of 3,000,000, and as the total male population in the United Kingdom between the ages of 18 and 40 is about 5,000,000, there are still some 5,000,000 unaccounted for, of whom there are certainly between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 available for military service.
"It may be" says the writer, "that we shall need every man that can be recruited. We have been able to break the German defensive in the west or the Turkish defensive in the Dardanelles, while Russia's campaign is not going well. Therefore, such a measure as a national registration is merely an act of common prudence called for by the extreme and increasing severity of the contest before us."

The article dwells particularly on the enormous numbers of married men who have been recruited, compared with the single men, and declares that the future pension list will be a constant reminder of the mistake which has been made in this connection.
ITALIAN WARSHIPS GO TO THE DARDANELLES.
COPENHAGEN, June 24.—Several Italian cruisers have left their base at Taranto for Tenedos Island, to join the Allies in attacking the Dardanelles, according to a Berlin despatch today.

BERLIN AWAITS ANOTHER REVERSE

(Special to The Guardian.)
BERLIN, June 25.—Today's official report admits the German army north-west of Halicz in Galicia was withdrawn to the south bank of the Dniester River.

MORE EARTHQUAKES IN CALIFORNIA

(Special to The Guardian.)
CALIFORNIA, Calif., June 25.—Five severe earthquake shocks occurred here last night. People were terrified by their experiences since Tuesday night when the city was badly shaken up, and rushed into the streets and open spaces, but no appreciable damage was done. Some walls, weakened by the previous shocks, collapsed.

ITALIANS PREPARE TO INVADE AUSTRIA

(Special to The Guardian.)
UDINE, Italy, June 25.—Slowly, owing to difficulties of mountain warfare, but steadily and with grim determination the Italian forces are advancing both from the east along the Fell Valley and from the south through Predil Pass, towards Tarvis, which is the pivot of the classical roads along which every great invasion of Austria from Italy has occurred. From Javoreck, which is about 5,000 feet high, heavy artillery or Italians is sweeping the valley below as far as Plezzo, four miles away in a direct line. Big guns also dominate the whole valley of the upper Isonez River and threaten Predil fort. Though the defences did not prevent Napoleon from passing this position in 1797, the defences were strengthened in 1904. The plan of General Cadorna, Italian Commander-in-Chief, seems to be to attempt an invasion of Austria through Tarvis, threatening the right wings of the Austrian army having its headquarters at Laibach and obtaining as an immediate consequence relief from the pressure of Austrian forces massed along Tolmino, Gorizia-Trieste front.

NEEDHAM'S BODY COMING HOME

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, June 25.—The body of Henry B. Needham, the American writer, who was killed last week in an aeroplane accident which also resulted in the death of Lieut. R. A. J. Warneford, of the British Royal Naval Flying Corps, was transported yesterday from Versailles to the St. Lazaire Station. From this station the body will be sent to Bordeaux there to be placed aboard a ship for America.

PROHIBITION IN SASKATCHEWAN AFTER JUNE 30

REGINA, June 25.—After a conference with the temperance leaders of the province the Government has decided to make its temperance legislation still more drastic. The Hon. J. A. Calder announces that the new prohibition is that no more liquor may be kept or consumed after June 30 in any hotel or other place of accommodation.
This will preclude either proprietors or guests, whether permanent or transient, from having liquor on hotel premises. This total prohibition is also to apply to all clubs.

STEAMER CABOT SUNK THURSDAY NIGHT

Off East Point of P. E. Island. Had Left Charlottetown 10.30 a. m. in Ballast for Sydney. Crew of 14 all Landed Safely. Cause of Sinking not Announced.

Word was received in Charlottetown last night that the Dominion Coal Company's steamer, Cabot, had foundered off the east end of Prince Edward Island. The Cabot had left Charlottetown at 10.30 Thursday morning in ballast for Sydney, and the first intimation of the disaster was received by the Company's agents, Messrs. Buntain and Bell, about 8 o'clock last night. Four of her crew of fourteen had landed at Hawkesbury and reported the loss of the ship, stating also that the remainder of the crew, ten in number, had taken a lifeboat and were supposed to be heading for Prince Edward Island. About 11

o'clock last night another telegram was received by Messrs. Buntain and Bell from the Company's office at Sydney stating that the remainder of the crew had landed, it is supposed, at Hawkesbury.
The Cabot was a steamer of about 300 tons net and carried a crew of four hundred men. She was commanded by Captain Lintlop and traded regularly between this port and Sydney.

The cause of the disaster has not been stated but it is supposed to have been very light she turned turtle in the heavy seas following the previous day's gale.

"SAFETY FIRST" MOVEMENT IN P. E. ISLAND

The monthly meeting of the Safety First Committee of the P. E. Island District was held Thursday afternoon. Mr. J. E. Lond, of Moncton, Safety Engineer of Government Railways, was present. It is gratifying to know that this movement which was organized here in August last, is already proving its usefulness in an unmistakable way. The object of the movement, as its name implies, is to prevent accidents by taking necessary precautions and guarding against unsafe conditions. In a list of unsafe conditions remedied and unsafe practices warned against or corrected by the members of the District Terminal and Shop Committee September 1914 to May 1915, it is shown that at Charlottetown out of 105 conditions and 34 practices warned against a total of 139 unsafe conditions have been remedied.
During 1913 there were nineteen employees of the Government Railway killed as against seven in 1914 which means a reduction of 63 per cent, and means also that today there are twelve employees alive and working who otherwise might not be living. To prove that 1913 was not an exceptionally bad year, it is shown that in the year there was an average of sixteen employees killed on duty. To prove also that "safety first" is not a passing fad it is pointed out that there was one employee killed and 125 injured for the first four months of this year as compared with three killed and 194 injured last year and six killed and 218 injured in 1913. In addition to the above it is interesting to note that there was a decrease of 23 per cent in the number of passengers killed and 9 per cent in the number of passengers injured in 1914 as compared with 1913.

TWO ISLANDERS DIED IN MASSACHUSETTS

(Special to The Guardian.)
MERRIDITH, N. H., June 25.—Phersea Foley and Gladys James, both of Charlottetown, P. E. I., died yesterday.

\$750,000,000 OF NEW WAR LOAN ALREADY SUBSCRIBED

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, June 25.—The sum of \$750,000,000, in rough numbers, of the new war loan has been applied for at London banks alone up to noon today. A very large application, in other words the request in millions, are being held back until next week. The present flow of subscriptions is mostly for small or moderate amounts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK IN P. E. ISLAND

Rev. W. A. Ross, Secretary of the N.E. & P.E.I. Sunday School Association, was in Charlottetown yesterday and leaves this afternoon for Valley field, where he will conduct services to-morrow. Mr. Ross has been in the province during the past ten days in the interest of Sunday School work and has attended Sunday School Conventions at North Winsloe, Souris, St. Peters, Dundas, Union Road, Kings County. Conventions to have been held for South Kings and Eldon Districts have been postponed till August. On Monday and Tuesday Conventions will be held respectively at Millview and Cornwall. Mr. Ross reports that Sunday Schools in good condition, but finds too many schools have been closed during the winter months. In August he will again visit the province to complete the district conventions in the western half of the island. The Provincial Convention will be held in Montague on August 24th to 26th, when Mr. John L. Alexander, of Chicago, the noted worker among boys, will be present. Rev. J. C. Robertson of Toronto, Presbyterian Sunday School Secretary, and other prominent specialists, besides the leaders in Sunday School work in the province, will also be present. A very attractive programme is being arranged. On the three days previous to the Convention it is intended to hold a Boys' Training Conference at Cardigan, when some fifty boys carefully chosen from all over the province will be assembled to meet these leaders.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES NEURALGIA.

Remember the Fair View festival on the evening of July 1st, in Wm. Munn's field. 1639-6-26-ME11pd.

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