

## PAID GRITS—Witness at Dugal Enquiry Contributed to Liberal Campaign Funds

### NO EVIDENCE THAT BERRY WAS MR. FLEMMING'S AGENT HAS YET BEEN PRODUCED

One Witness, a Lumberman, Made Startling Statement that in Past Years He Had Contributed to Grit Campaign Funds.

Other Lumbermen Tell of Payments Made at Solicitation of Chief Scaler—No Threat or Promise Used to Influence Contributors—Mr. Sinclair Says He Paid Voluntarily—Counsel in Brisk Arguments.

The feature of yesterday's hearing of the Dugal charges against Premier Fleming was the statement of Mr. Allan Ritchie, who contributed \$4,500 to the fund for which Mr. Berry said he was soliciting, that he had made contributions to Liberal campaign funds, his payments going as far back as twenty-five years ago.

Other interesting material brought out was the statement of Mr. Angus McLean, manager of the Bathurst Lumber Company, that he had paid \$15,000 at Mr. Berry's request; of Mr. Hubert Sinclair, who declared he voluntarily contributed \$3,000; of Mr. W. B. Snowball, who said he paid \$7,200, and of Mr. Walter Stephens, of the Dominion Pulp Company, that he paid \$4,500.

In no case was evidence adduced to show that Mr. Berry was acting as the agent of, or under directions from Premier Fleming.

There was no evidence that there had been a promise or threat conditional upon the payment or non-payment of the money, and it was not shown that the payments were made before the lands were classified as alleged in the charges.

There was a larger attendance than at the previous day's hearing and the crowd, though interested throughout, was orderly. The warning of the commission's chairman, when a demonstration was attempted on Monday, evidently proved effective.

The proceedings were enlivened by frequent arguments between the counsel and on one occasion Mr. Fowler paid attention to Mr. Carvell in a picturesque and forcible manner. There seemed to be a tendency on the part of Mr. Carvell to bring out matters not altogether relevant to the charges and when taken to task for this by Mr. Fowler during the forenoon, the chief representative of Mr. Dugal heatedly remarked: "If I can't get it in here I can get it into the newspapers and to the public and that is what is wanted."

Morning Session.

When the hearing opened yesterday morning F. R. Carvell said he wished to file a copy of the subpoena served at the home of W. H. Berry. He read an affidavit of John H. Gibson, of St. Stephen, that he had looked for Mr. Berry but could not find him.

There was some objection to the affidavit being placed in evidence, but it was allowed.

Mr. Carvell said he had made every effort to secure the commission, Berry, and he thought the commission should call upon the government to have Mr. Berry return. Mr. Carvell said he had been informed that T. J. Carter appeared as special counsel for Mr. Berry.

Mr. Carter vigorously denied this and Mr. Carvell intimated that he did not think the statement was true anyway.

Mr. Carter said that if Mr. Carvell wished to insult him he should do so outside of court and then he (Carter) would know how to deal with him.

Mr. Teed objected to counsel making statements to the court.

The examination of J. P. Burchill was continued.

Witnesses told of receiving circulars from the department in which were the regulations and classifications of governing stampage tariff. He had understood that the rate was to continue for ten years, but there was no (Continued on page 5)

## TELL OF WRECK—First Officer of Empress Verifies Story of Captain Kendall

### CONFLICTING STORIES IN THE EMPRESS PROBE ADDING TO CONFUSION

Few New Facts Brought to Light Out of Welter of Testimony Before Dominion Commission—Opposing Officers Lay Blame on Each Other.

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## ROYAL GEORGE TO EXPERIMENT

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London, June 17.—An interesting experiment in navigation in fog will be carried out by the Canadian Northern steamer Royal George, which left Avonmouth today for Quebec. She is fitted up with an apparatus enabling a vessel in the thickest weather, without the aid of compass or sextant, to ascertain her position when she is within a radius of fifty miles of a fixed wireless station or a wireless fitted ship whose position is known.

## BANK CLERK AND LOVE PART WITH KISSES

Miss "Buster" Legault and Vassil Delmago Separated by Embarrassed Montreal Police—Taken to Prison.

Montreal, June 17.—Because of the conduct of Vassil Delmago and Miss "Buster" Legault, the young woman who travelled around with the absconding bank clerk as his wife, Delmago was removed to Bordeaux jail, instead of being permitted to spend a few days in the private cells at police headquarters, as had been intended. The Legault woman called at police headquarters to see her

## REBEL CHIEFS NOW FRIENDS

The Trouble Between Villa and Carranza Averted—Will Push Campaign With Greater Vigor.

Saltillo, June 17.—General Villa's resignation as commander of the Constitutional army of the central division has not been accepted and the threatened breach between General Villa and General Carranza has been averted, according to a statement from General Carranza's headquarters late today.

## ASKS GIRLS NOT TO BE SUFFRAGETTES

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Dr. Forrest's strong denunciation of the tactics employed by militant suffragettes was received with a long round of applause not only from the scholars but also from the audience of whom the large majority were ladies.

## COULD PLACE TEN THOUSAND IN ONTARIO

Hon. Mr. Crothers Believes the Out of Works in Cities Should Go to Country.

Ottawa, June 17.—"I could place ten thousand men on farms in Ontario," said Hon. T. W. Crothers today before leaving for Prince Edward Island, where his medical adviser has ordered him to go for a month's rest. Mr. Crothers was seriously ill of erysipelas recently, and is not yet in the best of health.

The Minister of Labor discussed with The Standard the labor situation throughout Canada. Reports to Ottawa from various centres are that there are many out of work.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE

Change Subject of Address—Matter of Ottawa Temperance Campaign Brought up—The Cigarette Evil.

Montreal, June 17.—"Can a millionaire be a Christian?" This was one of the subjects arranged by a committee of the Montreal Methodist conference for discussion at next year's gathering as a prayer hour topic, but when it was broached this afternoon there was considerable objection to it. The inference was drawn that the rate was to continue for ten years, but there was no (Continued on page 5)

## COLLISION OCCURRED DURING A DENSE FOG

Liner Had 1,000 Passengers Aboard but No One Hurt—Both Vessels Now in Dock.

Southampton, England, June 17.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, which left Southampton shortly after noon today, bound for New York with a thousand passengers, lies at anchor tonight off Netley, three miles to the southeast, with a big hole in her side amidships caused by a collision with the Liverpool grain steamer Incomore, bound from a Black Sea port for Antwerp.

The Incomore, a much smaller craft than the German steamer, of 3,000 odd tons, is in dock here with her bows badly smashed.

## HINDU AFFAIR MAY TAKE ON GRAVE ASPECT

Japanese Warships on Way to Vancouver to Escort Komagata Maru to Sea—Land in Mexico.

Ottawa, June 17.—The situation regarding the Komagata Maru, the vessel which brought 400 Hindus from India to Vancouver in coming grave concern at Ottawa. It is reported here that the captain of the vessel, who is a Japanese with a Japanese crew, has been ordered to leave Vancouver, dreading a meeting by the Hindus, who were not allowed to land on Canadian soil. It is evident that the news of his predicament has reached the Japanese authorities, for two Japanese cruisers are on their way to Vancouver and will reach there on Friday. It is expected that these cruisers will escort the Komagata Maru to sea. When they have gone beyond the three mile limit the Hindus will be under Japanese control.

## DASTARDLY ATTEMPT TO DO MURDER

Frank Miller of River Valley, Ontario, Tries to Shoot Joseph Robitaille—Dodges Bullets.

North Bay, Ont., June 17.—River Valley, a settlement on the upper Sturgeon river, north of Sturgeon Falls, was nearly the scene of a tragedy and to the poor marksmanship of Frank Miller and his own good dodging, Joseph Robitaille undoubtedly owes his life. As it is, his head is marked by a bullet which clipped a course along his skull.

## LORD AMPHILL CONFERS DECREE

London, June 18.—At Canada Lodge No. 2527, A. F. & A. M., the ceremony of installation of officers was performed last night by the M. W. program master, Lord Amphill, who attended with over thirty grand lodge officers of the year as an exceptional compliment to the lodge.

## HELPING THE BLIND

London, June 18.—The International Conference on the Blind, which opens at Westminster today, will consider many phases of the amelioration of the condition of the sightless. "Massage," "salmagundi," "scouting for boys and girls," and "educational methods" form the subjects of papers written by the blind for those similarly afflicted. Philip E. Layton, of Montreal, will read a paper tomorrow on "Piano tuning as an occupation for the blind." A special service will be afforded by Westminster Abbey on Sunday for the members of the conference, blind clergymen and a blind organist officiating.

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## George W. Fowler's Barns, at Sussex, Burn

Damage \$20,000, Insurance \$4,000—Rectory Barn Also Fire Swept—Shrieks of Dying Horses Horrify Spectators—Firemen Do Good Work.

Sussex, June 17.—Shrieks of burning horses, howlings of frightened cattle, rising above the roar of the flames, gave an added horror to the havoc wrought by the fire which this afternoon destroyed two barns belonging to George W. Fowler, M. P., and a barn attached to the rectory of the Church of England, and for a time threatened the rectory and a number of other buildings. Mr. Fowler's loss will be over \$20,000 and he only carried \$4,000 insurance on the property destroyed. In one of Mr. Fowler's barns—that in which the fire originated—six valuable horses were burned to death. In the other barn there was a valuable bull and a large number of thoroughbred cattle, and so quickly did the fire spread that it was only with the greatest difficulty that they were rescued from the flames. These cattle were on the second floor and as the flames blocked the usual means of exit the cattle had to be forced out through a rear opening and dropped ten feet to the ground. Two of the cattle had their necks broken by the fall and others sustained injuries.

About four o'clock this afternoon Frank Myers who was in charge of Mr. Fowler's barns was driving stakes in the rear yard when he saw flames burst through the roof of the barn fronting on the road. He immediately gave the alarm, and summoning help rushed into the barn to try to get out the horses. But the fire had made such headway that the interior of the barn was practically a mass of flames and it was impossible to reach the animals. As the flames enveloped the horses their shrieks, which had a strangely human note, were heartrending.

An alarm turned in from box No. 2 brought the fire department on the scene in a hurry, but by that time the fire in the barn had made such headway that it was impossible to reach the animals. As the flames enveloped the horses their shrieks, which had a strangely human note, were heartrending.

## NO INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF COMPANY

London, June 18.—That the acquisition by the Union Bank of Canada of the premises lately occupied by Chaplin, Miles & Grenfell, in no way implies any concern by the bank in the affairs of the wrecked firm was the statement made yesterday by temporary manager Hamilton, on behalf of the bank.

That institution, he explained, has found its Threadneedle street offices too restricted, and now means to occupy the entire ground floor of the C. P. R. Princess street site, sub-letting the rest. As the bank has recently opened a west end branch, this fact, coupled with the new move early in July, indicate an imposing business.

## WHITE WOLF AGAIN MAKES GOOD ESCAPE

Peking June 17.—"White Wolf," the notorious Chinese brigand, together with 1,900 of his followers, today broke through the circle of regular troops which had surrounded him on Lily Mountain, 100 miles to the south of Lancho, since June 4.

General Chao, with 5,000 regulars, followed the brigands in hot pursuit. In the extreme south of Kan-Su, his private Wolf, after devastating the province of Hu-Peh, Ho-Nan, and Shen-Si, on June 4 attacked Tao-Chow, in the extreme south of Kan-Su, after robbing the inhabitants burned the town to the ground. He and his followers were afterwards surrounded by the regular troops.