

GERMANY BEGINNING TO TRANSFER TROOPS TO WEST FROM GALICIA?

HON. DR. MONTAGUE SAYS EVIDENCE OF HORWOOD FALSE

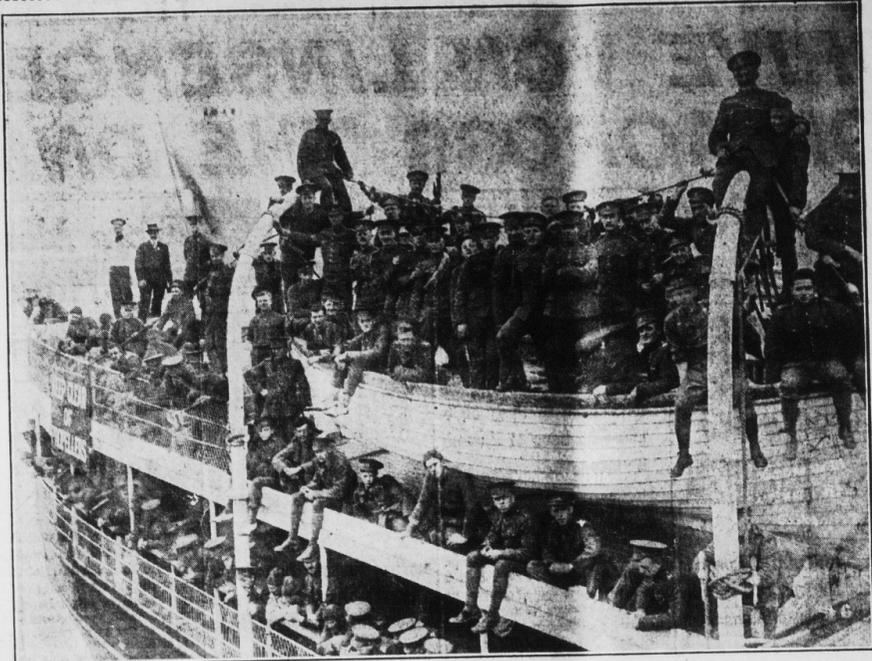
Ex-Minister of Public Works Denies Dr. Simpson Has Anything to do with Fixing Price on Parliament Building Contracts.

Winnipeg, June 25.—Hon. Dr. Montague, ex-minister of public works, giving evidence before the Royal Commission this afternoon, denied evidence by V. W. Horwood in Minneapolis, that Dr. R. M. Simpson, ex-president of the Manitoba Conservative Association, had anything to do with fixing price on contracts in connection with the parliament buildings. Dr. Montague never discussed the parliament buildings with Dr. Simpson, he said, and if Dr. Simpson had spoken to me about a contract any friendship between us would have been at an end. The former head of the public works department was questioned at length regarding various contracts with Kelly. He told the commission that in September, 1914, he went through the Kelly contracts and found that while for \$230,000 the contractor had undertaken to supply both grillage and steel for the superstructure for the north wing, the south wing contract at \$215,000 covered grillage only. Kelly, interviewed, agreed to make the contract include a large quantity of structural steel also. This was done.

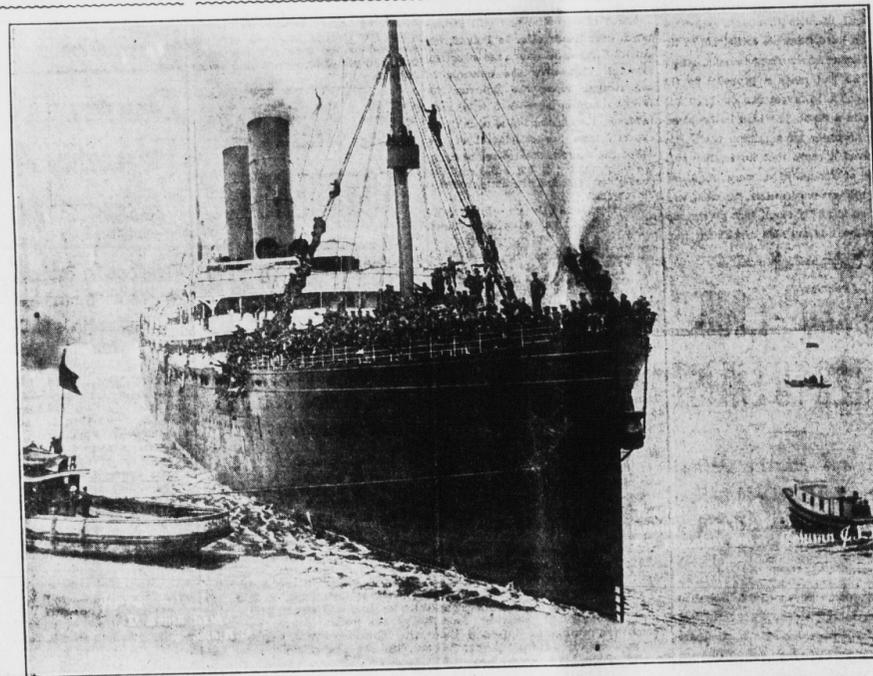
The contract at \$302,000 for the dome which was let and later cancelled, was also gone into. Dr. Montague stated that he had nothing to do with recommending the contract or letting it. When he returned to his office after an illness a few days after the last election, he found this contract, or Sir Redmond Roblin told him of it. As there were no plans in existence for this part of the work of which he knew, and as he wished to have plans prepared by an able engineer, he advised Sir Redmond to cancel the contract if possible. The contract was cancelled and records of it destroyed. He said that while the contract seemed to him imprudent he did not consider that factor in deciding that it should be destroyed. His desire, in having everything connected with the matter wiped out of existence, was, he said, that the government should be protected against complications with the contractors. It was learned today on good authority that when the commission has completed investigation into parliament building matters it will be given new powers by the provincial government so that it may deal similarly with the construction of Manitoba Agricultural College. The college was built by Thomas Kelly and Sons as contractors. It was completed over a year ago at a cost of about \$2,000,000.

QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKETS

Groceries	
Sugar, standard	\$6.80 @ \$6.90
Rice	4.25 - 4.50
Tapioca	7.50 - 8.00
Beans—	
Yellow-eyed	3.70 - 3.75
Hand-picked	2.60 - 3.65
Cornmeal, gran.	5.65 - 5.75
Cream of Tartar	8.40 - 8.45
Currants, cleaned	0.08 1/2 - 0.09
Molasses	0.44 1/2 - 0.45
Peas, split, bags	5.75 - 6.00
Barley, pot	7.00 - 7.10
Raisins—	
Choice, seeded	0.09 1/2 - 0.10
Fancy, seeded	0.10 1/2 - 0.10 1/2
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	0.95 - 0.95
Soda, bicarb.	2.10 - 2.20
Flours	
Manitoba	0.00 - 7.85
Ontario	0.00 - 6.85
Oatmeal, rolled	0.00 - 7.25
Oatmeal, standard	0.00 - 8.00
Meats, etc.	
Canned Goods	
Beef—	
Corned 2s	5.00 - 5.35
Corned 1s	2.75 - 3.35
Beans—	
Baked	1.20 - 1.40
String	1.00 - 1.05
Chama	4.00 - 4.15
Corn	1.00 - 1.05
Herring, kippered	4.50 - 4.75
Oysters—	
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Fruit	
Pineapple—	
Bliced	2.02 1/2 - 2.07 1/2
Grated	1.57 1/2 - 1.62 1/2
Singapore	1.57 1/2 - 1.62 1/2
Peas	1.00 - 1.05
Peaches, 3a.	1.85 - 1.97 1/2
Peaches, 2a.	2.25 - 2.37 1/2
Pumpkin	1.15 - 1.17 1/2
Raspberries	2.02 1/2 - 1.97 1/2
Raspberries	2.05 - 2.07 1/2
Salmon—	
Pinks	5.00 - 5.10
Chobos	4.50 - 4.60
Red speck	3.25 - 3.35
Tomatoes	1.07 1/2 - 1.16
Strawberries	2.57 1/2 - 2.59
Poultry	
Fork, Can. med.	25.00 - 26.00
Fork, Am. clear	25.00 - 26.75
Doat, Am. plate	25.00 - 26.00
Lard, pure	0.13 1/2 - 0.14 1/2
Lard, comb. lube	0.11 1/2 - 0.12 1/2



This is a close view of a portion of the steamer Caledonia as she appeared at her dock in St. John harbor just previous to her departure for the Old Country on Sunday, June 13.



The above picture shows the steamer Caledonia as she was being swung in the harbor just before she left here with the members of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion and other corps on board. Her safe arrival in Plymouth has already been reported.

BELGIAN FRONTIER IS CLOSED AGAIN

London, June 26.—"The Belgian frontier was again closed Friday, indicating a large influx of troops from the east," says the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail.

ALLIES TAKE SEVERAL TRENCHES FROM THE TURKS IN GALLIOLI PENINSULAR

Athens, June 25.—A Hitylope dispatch reports fierce fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula since Tuesday. The Allies, successively assaulted the Turkish positions, carried several trenches. The Turkish losses in killed and wounded or missing since the commencement of the fighting is estimated at 143,000.

OFFICER MENTIONED FOR BRAVERY IS CANADIAN

St. Catharines, Ont., June 25.—Lieut. Arthur Leonard Bishop, of the Second Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, who has been mentioned in despatches by Field Marshal Sir John French for bravery in action, is a Canadian, having been born in Brantford and educated at Ridley College, St. Catharines, and at the military college, Kingston, where he received his commission as a sergeant major at the outbreak of the war to accept a commission in the Middlesex regiment. He has served continuously since November and was wounded at Fromelles on May 9, where he lost his right eye, and is now convalescing in London.

TO REDUCE PLAYERS' SALARIES APPEAL UNNECESSARY

Chicago, June 22.—It was learned here today that the more radical proponents of economical measures among the higher class minor league club owners have proposed a combined movement by the leading circuits to reduce salaries and even to curtail the playing season this year. The movement would require action by the "A's," as the five larger members of the national association are called—the International League, the American Association, the Pacific Coast, the Western and the Southern leagues. Through a proposed meeting of the presidents of these organizations was discussed, it is said, at the American Association session here last night, Thomas Chivington, president, said today he had heard nothing of it.

Edward Barrow, president of the International League, said that he understood that a proposition to reduce salaries and possibly curtail the playing season had been under discussion by some of the minor league executives. He stated that he thought the proposed scheme if adopted was to be confined to Class A and lower leagues. "I was not aware," he said, "that any of the Class AA leagues were considering such a move. Certainly, the International League is not arranging to reduce players' salaries."

TOWN OF NIMES, FRANCE, DAMAGED BY WATER SPOUT

Paris, June 25.—Serious damage was caused at Nimes, France, last night by a violent storm during which there was a water spout, according to the Nimes correspondent of the Havas News Agency. The water spout flooded many houses, washed away several bridges and did other damage.

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