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RETRIBUTION.

The political house-cleaning in New Brunswick is not to be abandoned at the moment the need of it is most apparent. The attorney-general is to take a hand as a result of the evidence revealed before Royal Commissions. The efforts of the wrong-doers, first to cover up, and second to call off the enquirers, have failed. The summing up by Hon. W. P. Jones at the conclusion of the Valley Railway enquiry is an admirable performance. In consecutive order and with deadly accuracy he brings together the dates, the transactions, and the results, fitting each actor into his place, and showing conclusively the relation of each to the various steps taken and to the final division or absorption of the spoils. It is not a story one likes to read, but it ought to be read by every citizen of the province. It explains in part why some gentlemen are worried over the conduct of newspapers which persist in bringing the facts to public attention, and why they are advocates of a union government for this province. The Foster government is too inquisitive and too eager for details of ten thousand and twenty thousand and hundred thousand dollar transactions. It should, in their opinion, have an infusion of new blood of the sort that would produce a feeling of lassitude and indifference, and so permit the thrifty politician and promoter to go his way unmolested and unafraid. Hon. Mr. Jones has performed a valuable service in making so clear an exposition of the whole case. It is now up to the law officer of the crown to take up the thread of the discourse. It is an unpleasant business, but that is true of necessary political surgery as well as of the physical sort. If the province is to have its good name restored it must give the proof of its determination to establish and uphold new political standards. This the Foster government set out to do, and if its hand has stayed the people will go back to the old skeptical attitude which charges that all parties are alike. We cannot afford that in New Brunswick, in this crisis in our history, when so many of the sons of the province are offering their lives in defence of a democracy that is worth while.

IS THE CRISIS AT HAND?

Has the real crisis come in Germany—or will the militarists be able for a while longer to baffle the people? That is the question the whole world is asking today. There can be no doubt about the seriousness of the situation. The Socialists and workmen have made demands that run counter to the wishes of the military autocracy, and these demands have been emphasized by strikes. It is reported that a state of siege exists in some cities and that even in Berlin itself a formidable strike movement is in progress.

It will not do to count too much on the reports that come via Holland and Switzerland, but the differences that have arisen between Germany and Austria and the great democratic movement in Russia must have an influence upon the German people, bearing the awful burden of the war with no early prospect of relief.

Whatever transpires in Germany to distract the attention of the government must weaken the power of the army, for news of what is in progress will soon get into the ranks and affect the morale of the fighting men. The failure of the negotiations with Russia, the Italian victory of this week over the Austrians, the losses sustained by Turkey, the failure of the submarine campaign, the hopelessness of smashing through the western front, and the certainty that the United States will soon be ready to strike a powerful blow, when considered by people carrying so terrible a burden cannot but tend to increase the clamor for an end of the struggle. It may come sooner than we hoped, but we must take nothing for granted. The deadly pressure must be kept up until the Central Powers collapse and accept the terms of the victors.

PREMIER FOSTER.

Hon. W. P. Jones went into politics with a clean record. He proposes to keep it clean. That is not so easy a task as might be assumed at the first thought of it, for politics in New Brunswick have been so corrupt for considerable number of years, and there are so many artful gentlemen who would cheerfully persuade the leader of the government to regard their shady transactions as a necessary part of the administration of public affairs, that he must always be on the alert, lest without realizing it he become a party to their schemes. The Foster government does not propose to compromise with political wrong-doing. The premier has given notice that he will not only refuse to

tolerate it but will prosecute wrong-doers who come within the pale of the law, no matter how prominent their position in public affairs or in society. This is a fair warning and a courageous policy. It is something the province has long needed. So long as it was possible to secure tacit or open government approval of improper transactions, and have that government bolstered up by a press fed by funds improperly secured, there could be no real hope of reform. The people were bewildered and deceived, and fell into the habit of saying that one side was as bad as the other and everybody was out for graft. Prior to the last provincial election, and all through the period when the grave charges were being made against the Fleming government and its successors, the tory press in this province, assisted, kept up a constant protest against attacks on public men; refused to print all the evidence brought out by royal commissions; and attacked in the most savage manner those who sought to bring the facts to light. The task of the opposition was therefore extremely difficult, and it was not until the old government was defeated that a commission could be secured with sufficient power to bring out all the facts in regard to the Valley Railway transactions. Even after the exposure of Mr. J. K. Fleming's party in the legislature gave him a coat of whitewash; the tory party in Carleton county accepted him as a candidate for Ottawa, and in the provincial election campaign he was welcomed to the tory platform by then Premier Murray. That is to say, the tory party as a whole condoned the wrong-doing of its provincial leader, and the party as such has never publicly repudiated him or any of the other gentlemen whose activities have been revealed before Royal Commissions. This should go on the record, for some of these gentlemen have been trying very hard to promote a union government for this province, and thus get an opportunity to renew their activities under cover, and with a hope for immunity from exposure. If Premier Foster were the sort of man to be easily persuaded, or if the members of the legislature were not fully aware of the real purpose of these advocates of union, the latter might entertain some hope, but the premier stands firm and his supporters will see to it that he is not deserted or betrayed.

A DESERVED TRIBUTE.

Hon. W. P. Jones passed in his address on the Valley Railway matter yesterday to pay a deserved tribute to the unexampled courage of Mr. George B. Jones, M. P. P. Knowing that the attorney-general was keen on the score of every political wrong-doer, and that none could trifle with him or hope for lenience when caught, Mr. Jones boldly walked into his (the attorney-general's) office with \$20,000, done up in a common package, and destined to influence the elections of half a dozen counties in an election campaign which was to be as pure as an alert law-officer of the crown could make it. Of course as the commissioner suggested, the package might have contained soap. At all events, Mr. Jones "soft-soaped" the attorney-general, who never suspected that a fine case for review was being thrust under his nose.

"Think of Mr. Jones' temerity," says the counsel, "in so exposing himself to the dangers of placing himself at the mercy of the man who was sworn to prosecute him if he discovered the nature of the transaction in which he was then engaged."

As an example of sheer boldness this deserves to be classed with that of a soldier going deliberately in daylight over the top into No Man's Land, in utter disregard of the enemy's machine guns. It is true that Mr. Jones was not the only fearless man. Mr. Thomas Bell, having before him the example of Mr. Jones, became inspired with the same high courage. If Mr. Jones boldly took the package into the office of the attorney-general, Mr. Bell as boldly asked for it and took it out again, thus exposing himself to the same terrible risk of giving the attorney-general a clue.

This is a warning to all future attorneys-general. They should carefully examine all packages placed with them for safe keeping by members of the legislature and financial agents of political parties. There may not be another \$20,000 floating around casually for some time to come, now that attention has been directed to this transaction; but the exercise of a degree of caution seems to be necessary under any and all circumstances. There's no telling how many bold fellows may be inspired by the reckless courage of Mr. Jones and Mr. Bell.

The Italians have come back in fine style. In the fighting of the last few days two Austrian divisions are said to have been almost wiped out, and a considerable number of prisoners and machine guns taken.

We might have taken care of that Patriotic Fund without increasing the tax rate very much, according to the figures submitted at City Hall.

The Standard is much grieved over the attitude of Hon. W. P. Jones toward some of its directors. That was to be expected.

LIGHTER VEIN

Station Identity.
A tall official looking man with a pocketbook in his hand, called upon a suburban resident and observed:
"I beg your pardon, Mr. Jones, but I believe you possess a—ah, yes, a black retriever dog, with a white patch on its breast."
"Visions of unpaid dog taxes arose before Mr. Jones, and he said:
"Oh, no, dear, no. He is a poor stray brute."
"Oh, indeed," said the stranger, "the fact is, my client, Mr. Smith, shot the dog this morning, and I came round to compromise the matter by offering you \$25, but, of course, if he is not your dog, why—good morning!"—San Antonio Light.

Pacifist Rot.

Beaver White of the War Trade Board said in an after dinner speech:
"The Russian idealists who talk of universal peace and disarmament at this stage of the war are courting destruction for their country."
"Pacifism may have been all right once. Today it reminds me of the mother who wrote to the schoolmaster who wanted to teach the pupils how to swim: 'Please do not teach my boy swimming, as I do not wish him to be drowned.'"
—Washington Star.

LOOTING RECOGNIZED

OFFICIALLY BY BERLIN

Troops' Booty From Houses of Deported Families Put on Sale in German Capital

On the French front, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of Associated Press)—Official recognition has been given by the German government to the practice of German troops in France and Belgium of laying their hands on everything valuable they find in the houses and on the farms belonging to the civilians who have been deported from the invaded country to various parts of Germany to work for their conquerors. There has been established in Berlin a "War Booty Office," with depots at 20 Schoenberg Ufer, to which all such loot may be sent for sale.

Here connoisseurs may make selections from large quantities of ancient furniture, pictures, fine porcelain, rare tapestries, jewelry, clocks, and even clothing. Whether the price paid goes to the German government or the officer or soldier who forwarded the booty is not ascertainable here.

In the sheets of the depot are also displayed for sale farm wagons, agricultural implements, and other machinery and materials of almost every kind collected from the devastated districts of Belgium and France. Official sales clerks, appointed by the government, are in charge, but in spite of advertisements of sales purchases are not always made. The government is anxious to get rid of the booty, and thus get an opportunity to renew their activities under cover, and with a hope for immunity from exposure. If Premier Foster were the sort of man to be easily persuaded, or if the members of the legislature were not fully aware of the real purpose of these advocates of union, the latter might entertain some hope, but the premier stands firm and his supporters will see to it that he is not deserted or betrayed.

Doctors Said

Operation

When Chatham Lady Suffered From Extreme Nervous Exhaustion—Now Feeling Fine and Working Large Garden.

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 27.—This letter was received every day, because it describes a condition for which many doctors advise an operation. That the operation is often unnecessary and very often leaves the patient an invalid for life is well known.

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Dr. E. M. Ford, 92 Delaware avenue, Chatham, Ont., writes: "For four years I suffered from my nerves. I was restless and could not sleep well. I had headaches, neuritic pains through the body and backache. There was a burning in my ears and twitching of nerves and muscles. I also had palpitation of the heart, which caused shortness of breath. I was easily tired and always drowsy after eating. When walking or on my feet very much my feet would seem to go dead in my shoes. I consulted two doctors and both told me that I would have to have an examination and probably an operation, but I would not have either. Shortly after this I commenced using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and after a treatment of this medicine I can say I am now feeling fine. I am able to do my household duties without difficulty, and besides this, attend to a half-acre of garden. I can go about without that dead feeling in my feet, and am grateful to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food for my cure. I think very highly of this medicine, and recommend it to other women whenever I have an opportunity."

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SIEGE BATTERY

GUESTS OF HONOR

A farewell celebration in honor of the men of the draft of No. 9 Siege Battery was given last evening in the Red Triangle Club by the executive of the Y. M. C. A. and the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. F. E., under their regent, Mrs. E. A. Smith. Major E. C. Birch, although wounded, presided as chairman. His Worship Mayor Hayes opened the programme with a short address. Captain H. P. Bennett, who will cross to England with the draft, also gave a short address. The feature of the evening was the singing by Mary Boyle O'Reilly. A musical programme was carried out, including selections by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra and solos by Mrs. A. P. Crockett and Mr. Carson.

GALLANT DEEDS OF CANADIAN RANKERS

Stories of Feats of Heroism of N. C. O.'s and Men For Which Medals Awarded

London, Jan. 31.—Official particulars are available of the deeds for which several Canadians were recently awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Sergt. C. E. Routley received a bar to the medal for re-organizing a platoon after the loss of his commanding officer. He continued in command for four days, although wounded twice. Routley received the medal in November, 1916.

The medal was awarded Corporal E. J. Baillie for taking command of a platoon, capturing a machine gun and using it against the enemy.

Battery Sergt-Major E. C. Birch, although wounded, extinguished an ammunition truck set afire through an enemy bombshell, and carried a wounded man to safety.

Corporal 116199 Brown cleared a trench, killing many of the enemy, and, although himself wounded in three places, Private G. F. Debow picked up a wounded man, killed a third of a trench, and saved several lives, and repelled several attacks at close quarters.

Sergt. H. Hickman captured nine men single-handed and took command of two guns after the sergeants had become casualties.

Sergt. M. N. Jordan, single-handed, attacked the crew of a trench mortar, capturing the mortar and twelve prisoners. Later, when no officers were left, he organized a bombing party and so inspired the men that all the enemy who entered a trench were killed.

Sergt. A. Kilpatrick, engineers, repelled by a severely wounded man until a bombardment had lessened. He bandaged the wounds and undoubtedly saved the man's life.

JOCULAR REMARKS THE CAUSE OF HIS ARREST

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 31.—Sergt. A. Farquhar, of the Scotch Highlanders, and a member of the British Military Mission at Camp Forrest, Chickamauga Park, was placed under arrest Saturday for remarks made at a meeting of the Chattanooga Academy of Medicine concerning conditions at the camp, and is to be held pending instructions from the British embassy at Washington.

Captain Angier, head of the British mission at the camp, declines to discuss the affair. Major-General Erdin, commander of the camp, has addressed a communication to Captain Angier, requesting that steps be taken to prevent any further statements by members of his committee reflecting on American soldiers.

Publication of Farquhar's remarks caused a decided sensation in army circles at the park, and the members of the British mission are perturbed over the incident.

Sergeant Farquhar declares that his statements that it required half of the men at the camp to guard the other half, and that there were too many confined to barracks for petty infractions, were made in a joking vein.

REV. P. R. HAYWARD RESIGNS

The resignation of Rev. P. R. Hayward, pastor of the Fairville Baptist church for the last three years, was read last night before a large meeting of the congregation and it was accepted with mingled feelings of regret and pride. Rev. Mr. Hayward has been appointed associate boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Ontario and Quebec. His resignation was accepted by the board of the congregation and accepted by George Edey, and accepted.

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YOUNGEST CANADIAN TO WIN COVETED V. C.

Owen Sound, Ont., Jan. 31.—For courage and daring, the action of Private Thomas Holmes of Owen Sound, who was awarded the Victoria Cross, according to the latest list of decorations, stands out among many acts of heroism performed in the war. This becomes more apparent as further information is received regarding his daring feat. Private Holmes was only 19 years old when he performed his heroic deed at Passchendaele, and is said to be the youngest holder of the V. C. in Canada. He is the second Owen Sounder to win the coveted decoration, the first being Major W. A. Bishop, the aviator. In a letter received in Owen Sound today from Lieut.-Col. G. F. McFarland, now of the 4th C. M. R., is given a plain statement of the hero's deed of Feb. 11, 1917, which would make it evident that the young man's achievement rivalled that of the famous Michael O'Leary, Colonel McFarland says: "Truly, the Greys paid a heavy toll that day, but their conduct was beyond all praise. I never hope to see anything finer than the things I saw the Grey men do during that terrible engagement. One of them, young Tommy Holmes—has been recommended for the Victoria Cross, and I think he will get it as he richly deserves it. Here is a plain statement of what he did: "While his platoon was advancing up the Bellevue Spur, it was held up by the rifle fire from a pill-box full of Germans and by machine gun fire from a gun mounted behind the pill-box. The platoon halted and lay down in shell craters about fifty yards from the pill-box, unable to get any farther. Without any order to do so, Holmes ran forward alone and threw a bomb, which put the machine gun out of action and killed the crew. Then he came back to where the platoon was lying, got another bomb and ran forward the second time and threw the bomb into the entrance to the pill-box, whereupon the whole garrison about thirty came out and surrendered."

"Can you beat that for sheer courage?" Col. McFarland asks.

RECENT DEATHS

The death of John McIntosh Baisley, son of the late William Baisley of this city, occurred at his home in Boston on Monday last. Mrs. Charles F. Francis of this city is a daughter.

Frank Ross, an employee of C. F. Bean at St. Stephen, died suddenly while standing in the office of the American Express Company yesterday morning. Death was due to heart trouble.

Rev. Malcolm L. Orchard delivered a forceful address at an open meeting under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society in the Main street Baptist church last night. Mr. Orchard has been for some time a missionary in India.

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