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### IRON CROSS FOR DRIVER CUMMINGS

St. John Men Enjoy a Bit of Fun Over Reported Wounding of One of Number

The Times has received a letter from Sergeant R. Bradshaw, "on active service," dated March 14, and duly passed by the censor. It shows that the young men from St. John are with the Division Ammunition Column have not lost their appreciation of a joke. Sergeant Bradshaw writes:

"Our life at the front is often brightened by unexpected incidents. For example, an issue of The Times arrived here today, and a short but expressive paragraph told how Driver W. Cummings was in hospital, where he was lying with a wounded leg caused by the bursting of a shell. This account must have been sent from England. Moreover, as it was common knowledge that the most dangerous thing that ever burst near Driver Cummings was a can of jam, his unlimited powers of veracity so tickled the boys of the D. A. C. that Farrier Sergeant Phaler rallied his assistants and straightway manufactured an iron cross from a horse shoe. This was suspended from a chain and hung round the neck of Driver Cummings with due ceremony. Twelve good men and true shouldered pieces of wood in lieu of their rifles and presented arms with great solemnity, amid the vociferous cheers of the remainder of the section, and loud cries of 'speech, speech!' Not to be outdone, Driver Cummings mounted a barrel and said:

"Boys, I am proud to be the first one to get an iron cross, but I have to be a good liar to be in the D. A. C."

**AT PUBLIC LANDING.**  
Charles Parker of Public Landing was in the city on Saturday. He says that several small operators cutting from one to two thousand pieces of lumber in that vicinity will have to leave most of it in the woods. Of a much larger quantity cut near the Devil's Back only a small portion has been got out. He said there was five miles of ice in The Beach above Public Landing wharf, and while it was weakening there was still no sign of its moving out.

**LETTER FROM DRIVER NASH.**  
Mrs. Nash, of 800 Union street, received today a letter from her husband, Driver T. Nash, dated Tidworth, England, March 18th. He writes:—"We are still here, and do not know when we will move. We are all ready to move at a minute's notice."

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### THOMAS ELLIOTT DEAD; BUT A FEW HOURS ILL

The death of Thomas Elliott occurred this morning in the General Public Hospital. Mr. Elliott had been in his usual health until Sunday afternoon, when he was stricken with heart trouble at his residence, 45 Paradise row. He was hurried to the hospital, but he expired there this morning. Mr. Elliott, who was born in St. John fifty-eight years ago, was employed as an engineer with the M. R. A. Ltd. He is survived by three daughters, Miss Nellie, Miss Margaret (Lamb), at home, and Mrs. J. W. Dobbin; also two brothers, John of Bangor, and William of St. John, and two sisters, Mrs. Simon Dugas and Mrs. Higgins, both of this city.

### WILL NOT PROBE BERRY CHARGES

(Continued from page 1.)  
"Again Mr. Commissioner, it has been asserted frequently that after the law prohibiting the exportation of roased pulp wood had been passed the Miramichi Pulp and Paper Company obtained a permit to enable it to do the very thing that the law intended to prevent. I ask that this be inquired into. I request also, Mr. Commissioner, that you consider whether when the cost of doing public work is from two to four times the amount of the estimated expenditures, that is sufficient justification for an inquiry into the details of the expense. I refer you to Hornbrook bridge, Albert county, where the estimated cost was \$865, and the expenditure \$2,268.75; also to Meduxnekeag Mouth bridge, where the estimate was \$125 and the cost \$888.06. (See appendix to official report 1914, page 28.)

"I would also ask, Mr. Commissioner, that you investigate the payments of \$4,020.21 for cleaning and painting the steel bridge at Hexton, Kent county, by Concrete Construction Co. Ltd., as well as the steel bridges at French Cove, Northumberland county, and the Alder bridge, Victoria county, by this same company."

The following is the letter received by Mr. Carter from Commissioner Chandler, received today in reply to Mr. Carter's communication of last Wednesday, since which time Mr. Berry "has been and gone."

Mr. E. S. Carter:  
Dear Sir—I have considered the various matters referred to in your letter of the 22nd inst., and have come to the following conclusion with respect to them. As to items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, I cannot be covered by the commission under which I am acting. The matters referred to do not appear to me to be in a position to be covered by the administration of the Department of Lands and Mines and in my judgment should not be covered by me. As to the exportation of roased pulp wood, there is no charge made of misconduct by any individual connected with any department of the provincial government, and I do not think I am in a position to inquire into the matter. I can make the same remark as to the last two items in your letter as to bridges. This is a charge against any particular person which I could investigate. In the absence of any such charge, I do not see how I can deal with these items or inquire into them.

I have already explained to you that I did not make the remarks quoted by you as made by me on the 11th day of March inst. These remarks seem to have been attributed to me by mistake or through some misunderstanding.

Yours very truly,  
W. B. CHANDLER.  
In view of Mr. Chandler's decision it is interesting to recall the statement at the opening of the enquiry, quoted by the St. John Standard:  
"Even if there is but a suspicion of wrong the government will be glad to have the matter investigated, and that persons who may have knowledge may be summoned to appear. We will not be bound by the strict rules of evidence but the commissioner has authority to use any methods he may deem to be in the public interests. If there are any charges or beliefs or suspicions now is the time to make them known."  
They have been made known, and definite charges made, but there is to be no enquiry.

### WILL NOT URGE AGED RULER OF AUSTRIA TO MAKE SEPARATE PEACE

Geneva via Paris, March 29.—Count Tisla, Premier of Hungary, has returned to Budapest from Vienna, where he conferred with cabinet ministers regarding the future course of the dual monarchy. According to dispatches to Swiss newspapers, the leaders of different political parties are trying to induce Count Tisla to make an effort to persuade Emperor Francis Joseph that Austria should conclude a separate peace.

The premier, however, is said to have refused to make such an attempt.

### DUKE'S SWORD MUST REST IN SCABBARD

Exiled Orleans Volunteers in Vain To France, Britain, Belgium and Russia

Paris, March 29.—The French government has refused the request of the Duke of Orleans for permission to enlist in the Foreign Legion under an assumed name, says the Franciscan in an article which deals with his efforts to obtain service under the flag of his country.

Early in the war he sought to have amended a law passed in 1886 forbidding him to enter France or serve in the army. He agreed to resume his exile if permitted to fight, but his efforts were fruitless.  
After the French refused to accept his services as a soldier, he sought to enlist in the British, Belgian and Russian armies, but the military authorities of those countries, out of courtesy to the French government, refused to accept him.

**Death of Professor**  
Charleston, S.C., March 29.—Dr. Chas. R. Henderson, professor of sociology in the University of Chicago, died today.

### ST. JOHN CENSORS

Hon. Mr. Pugsley Asks Minister of Militia Some Questions

THREE HERE AT \$7 A DAY

General Hughes Promises Information as to How Much Time They Give to the Work and How Many Despatches Are Censored Weekly

(From Hansard, March 24, 1915)

Mr. Pugsley: This is the first opportunity we have had of discussing militia matters in general, because we have had no discussion when the Speaker was in the chair, as we on this side of the house have not insisted upon our rights, but have been quite willing to take up the estimates whenever the ministers were ready. Might it be understood that on some of these items we might discuss all military matters if we desired to do so?

Major General Hughes: As far as I am concerned that could be done. Mr. Pugsley: What arrangements has the minister made as to the appointment of censors throughout Canada?

Major General Hughes: Wherever there is a cable or Marconi station we have censors, and we have some at headquarters here.

Mr. Pugsley: What are the average salaries paid them and how many are there?

Major General Hughes: There are thirteen censors, forty assistant censors and seventy-eight decoders. There is a cable station and a Marconi station with officers receiving cablegrams. The deputy chief censor receives \$10 a day; the censors, \$9; the assistant censors, \$7 and the decoders, \$8.50.

Mr. Pugsley: Is \$10 a day paid to the chief censors all over the country?

Major General Hughes: These are only one Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton.

Mr. Pugsley: Is he obliged to give all his time to the duties which he performs for the government?

Major General Hughes: Night and day; his office is open all the time.

Mr. Pugsley: It is rumored that he has been engaged in writing party pamphlets for the Conservative party since he has been appointed.

Major General Hughes: I am in the fortunate position of having never seen a party sheet, either of the bosom or the 22nd inst., and have come to the following conclusion with respect to them.

Mr. Pugsley: My hon. friend is mistaken in that, because he studies the political literature he will find that the output has not been greater on the Liberal side than on the Conservative side.

My hon. friend is wise in not paying much attention to the grumblings and complaints that are made in regard to the censoring of the press.

Mr. Pugsley: There are three censors in St. John?

Major General Hughes: Wherever there is a Marconi station there are censors. I understand that there are three at St. John.

I can make the same remark as to the last two items in your letter as to bridges. This is a charge against any particular person which I could investigate. In the absence of any such charge, I do not see how I can deal with these items or inquire into them.

My hon. friend is unable to tell me inquiries about them, but he said that the minister of militia would be able to give me the information. So now, I avail myself of the opportunity of asking the minister of militia how many censors there are in St. John.

Major General Hughes: I received the information from my hon. friend the minister of the naval service, who has been kind enough to tell me that there are three.

Mr. Pugsley: What are their salaries?

Major General Hughes: There are three censors at Partridge Island, and they receive \$7 a day. I do not know the salaries of the others.

Mr. Pugsley: I am told that their names are Mr. Shaw, who is a young lawyer and a very deserving gentleman, Mr. Masters, an insurance agent, also a deserving gentleman, and Mr. Crockett. I do not know his occupation, except it is that of a party worker.

Major General Hughes: Are they Tories? As a rule they are Liberals.

Mr. Pugsley: I do not know. I am sure as to that. My hon. friend can guess as to their political complexion when he knows that they were recommended by the minister of marine and fisheries. He would not be so forgetful about the claims of his party friends as to recommend gentlemen on our side. I do not blame him for that. What are the duties of these censors and how many despatches go through the wireless station at Partridge Island in the course of a day?

Major General Hughes: The feeling of a great many people is that three censors at Partridge Island are entirely unnecessary. The statement made to me is that each of these censors perform his duty about two days in the week and rests from his arduous labors the remaining five days.

Major General Hughes: I will be only too glad to get the information as to the duties of these gentlemen. They revise all the despatches that go through. Anything of an improper character will be stopped. They have to send a copy of every one of these despatches to the chief censor daily for criticism. They are supposed to give all their time to their duties. I will make inquiries.

Mr. Pugsley: I would like to find out how much has been paid to each of these gentlemen from the time of his appointment to the present and the number of despatches censored weekly.

Major General Hughes: We will find that out.

Mr. Pugsley: It may be that my information is entirely unfounded. It may be that these gentlemen are earning, by the power of their intellects, not by the sweat of their brows, the salaries that they receive.

**HUSH ORDERS TO THE PAPERS IN ITALY**

Rome, March 29.—A rigid censorship upon the publication of military news from March 31 to July 30 has been established by a royal decree issued in accordance with a decision reached by the council of ministers at a meeting on Saturday.

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