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**"WHIPPED SPANIEL" IS KEMP'S TAIT; PUGSLEY SITS MUM**

**Opposition Makes Attempt to Draw Out Minister of Public Works on That Half-Million Fund, But Back Bencher Replies.**

**DENIES AN ASSOCIATION WITH RUSSELL IN DEALS**

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Today the house of commons had the first instalment of the reply to the Pugsley campaign fund allegations when A. E. Kemp (Toronto) made an attempt to draw from the new minister of public works a definite statement of what he knows about the existence of a fund of half a million dollars to carry the general election of 1907 for the Conservative party.

Mr. Pugsley did not reply. He sat in his seat throughout the speech taking notes and he occasionally spoke, but he did not rise to reply. When Mr. Kemp sat down it was expected that Mr. Pugsley would take the floor, but instead Dr. McIntyre of Strathcona was put up. His appearance was greeted with cries of "Speak now" directed at Mr. Pugsley. The boy who had been sent in as attorney-general of the Conservative party was only 23, and he had the way open of instigating most ridiculous and preposterous situation for the new minister. For the whole provincial election in Ontario, with 38 seats, the campaign fund of the Conservative party was only \$25,000.

Mr. Kemp challenged Mr. Pugsley to go the full length and repeat on the floor of the house what he said on the platform. "It doesn't make any difference who is hit," he declared. "If he refuses to go farther he stands condemned before the country. He has done this in his house all the week like a whipped spaniel. He is now before the bar of public opinion and let him choose his court."

This declaration at the head of the minister of public works roused the opposition to hearty applause, which was renewed with double force when the challenged minister sat dumb and a backbencher was put up to steer the debate along other lines. The member for East Toronto went back in his speech to 1904, when a seat was given to Hon. Wm. Pugsley and 129 New Brunswick men, the object being, he insisted, to boom Mr. Pugsley. He endeavored to show a bond of friendship between David Russell and Mr. Pugsley, and in discussing Mr. Pugsley's charge that \$25,000 was sent into Westmoreland to defeat Mr. Emmerson he read from the Frederick Gleason file that Mr. Pugsley was the chief adviser in the scheme.

When Mr. Kemp rose to continue the debate on the address he immediately launched upon topic of campaign contributions. The minister of public works, he said, had been in the country making insinuations concerning the campaign fund of the Conservative party at the last general election. He would ask Mr. Pugsley, who was attorney-general of New Brunswick, did not prosecute the guilty parties under the law, if he knew that a large sum of money was illegally spent by Conservatives in that campaign. This hon. gentleman, however, was now in the house, and he might be expected to enlighten them. He had spoken a great deal on the public platform, but he had not said a word while in the house.

Mr. Kemp proceeded to call attention to what he said was the most sensational thing that took place at that time, a certain function held not far from the city of Ottawa in October, 1904. This was an excursion of 120 miles, and composed of 120 gentlemen and chieftly controlled by the minister of public works and David Russell—opposition cheers—there were runners, ribbons, and medals. It was the intention of the party to capture the portfolio of railways and the minister of public works. What did it mean if not to bring that man to the attention and have him supersede Mr. Emmerson? As to what happened, Mr. Kemp referred to the accounts in some of the Liberal papers. The public were informed that the gentleman was now in the West, and he paid the bill. We were told that the weather was damp and the party were supplied with rubbers and overcoats.

Mr. Kemp read the opinions of some of the Liberal papers as to what was the purpose of the banquet. It was a most spectacular affair, and was said to cost about \$15,000. There was not much doubt, in his opinion, as to what the aim and object of the affair was. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. David Russell were intimate in newspaper deals and in land deals.

**Brought Pugsley to His Feet.**  
 Mr. Pugsley was on his feet. "The hon. gentleman when he states that I was associated with Mr. Russell in newspaper deals and in land deals is entirely incorrect."

Mr. Kemp: I understand that the hon. gentleman owned The St. John Gazette.

**'RAILWAYS MUST' SAYS THE NEW MINISTER**

**Hon. G. P. Graham Declares Remedy Can be Discovered for Faulty Train Service.**

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The house rose at 5.30 to-day to enable the members to attend the funeral service over the remains of the late B. B. Gunn, M.P., for South Huron. Before the orders of the day were called, Mr. Fielding, in the absence of the prime minister, made a touching reference to the death of Mr. Gunn, upon whose desk in the house lay a massive floral wreath, the tribute of his fellow Conservative members. Mr. Fielding alluded to the fact that this was the second death since the session began, a circumstance which lent it additional sadness. The hon. member deceased as a man who was most assiduous in attendance at the parliamentary committees, who seldom took part in the debates in the house, but when he did so, always commanded attention. In conclusion, he expressed, on behalf of the members on the government side, the sympathy of the commons for Mrs. Gunn and the bereaved family.

R. L. Borden spoke with much feeling. It was but a week since the late member, he said, was walking about in evident good health, and only on Saturday, when Mr. Borden last saw him, neither of them had any premonition of the hon. member's fast approaching death. To Mr. Fielding, the opposition leader voiced the thanks of the Conservative members for his tribute to their late friend, closing with a similar expression of deep sorrow and of heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved family.

**Inadequate Train Accommodation.**  
 Mr. Taylor again brought up the subject of inadequate train connection between the C.P.R. and G.T.R. at Brockville. Mr. Graham said he had referred the matter to the board of railway commissioners, and had received from them a communication in which they gave a history of what had been done in the matter. "More a history of what has been done than of what has been accomplished," he added. The minister went on to say that it was a case where one railway company "trampled the other in the present unsatisfactory state of affairs."

**Make Lines Submit Schedules.**  
 W. F. Maclean (South York) suggested that every railway company be compelled, as they are compelled in England, to submit their schedule to the board of trade.

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**OTTAWA.**—Liquor-Gouverneur attempted to curb his throat, knowing that Mr. Pugsley knew that anyone else knew, he ought to produce him. It was a

**BOSTON.**—The copper markets were easy, with little notable change.

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**A MODERN GULLIVER**



But he will not permit the little fellows to either "dope" or bind him.

**LIVE WIRES ARE DANGEROUS IN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

**Underwriters Send Out a Warning to Merchants to Exercise Due Care.**  
 The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association are issuing their usual Xmas warning to merchants who use electric light wires in connection with their displays.

"Wherever any kind of a display is made, special care should be given to electrical installations, particularly those of a temporary nature," says Secretary Robertson. "They should only be put in by competent electricians, and all fuse blocks and cut-outs should be located away from inflammable material, and what is known as 'enclosed' or 'cartridge' fuses only should be used. 'Open' fuses are particularly dangerous. The enclosing of incandescent lights with paper and other inflammable material is a

**BRIDGE FALLS SEVEN KILLED**

**Floods Undermine the Structure Over Susquehanna River—Like Quebec.**  
 BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—High water to-night caused the collapse of a new bridge in course of erection over the west branch of the Susquehanna River at Mifflinville, eight miles north of here, and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others, two perhaps fatally.

The accident occurred just at nightfall, when the men were preparing to abandon their work. As a result, the work of rescuing those who were caught in the water and caught in the mass of twisted iron and steel was greatly retarded. The second span of the bridge was being erected and it was this section that fell with the big truss. The bodies of those killed were found floating on the surface of the water, entangled in the bent and twisted girders and ironwork, but the others have not been found.

**KIDNAPPER BOY'S UNCLE MRS. POTTER KEEPS SON**

**Claims that Father is Dying in Chicago and Wants Wife to Return—Will Stay at North Bay.**  
 NORTH BAY, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The sensational abduction of little Arthur Rotter ended in the police court this evening, when it transpired that the abductor was the boy's uncle, William A. Rotter of Chicago, who alleged that the boy's father was in a dying condition at the Chicago home, and commissioned him to bring the son to his bedside, and the mother, if possible.

**ALL HOPE ABANDONED.**

**Vessel Sailed for France Nearly Three Months Ago—Crew of 27 Men.**  
 NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Still another sea horror comes from St. Pierre, one in which some fifty French fishermen are victims.

**ASK AT LLOYD'S.**

**Sifton Would Then Learn of Dangers of St. Lawrence.**  
 (Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
 LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Times' marine correspondent advises Sifton, who claimed the risks of the St. Lawrence are exaggerated, to consult Lloyd's officials, and says it will be most useful for his present purpose if he privately asked what the suggested 24 knot boats could be insured for.

**SENATOR DAVID TAKES SLY SHY AT COMMONS**

**Gives Notice of Resolution to Reform the Lower House—Time and Money Wasted.**

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—In the senate this afternoon Senator Landry was told by Hon. Mr. Scott that the government was aware that the Levis graving dock was too narrow to accommodate the Empress and the Turbine steamers now running to St. Lawrence, and that the matter was now engaging the serious attention of the department of public works.

Hon. Mr. Scott stated in reply to another question by Senator Landry that the directors of the Quebec Bridge Company were Hon. S. N. Parent, who held seventy shares of stock; R. Audette, who held fifty-seven shares; H. N. Price, fifty-two shares; Gaspar Lemoine, fifty shares; V. Boswell, fifty shares; Hon. J. Garneau, fifty and three-quarters shares; J. B. Laliberte, twenty-seven shares; P. B. Dumolin, no shares; Hon. J. Sharples, two hundred and seventy-six shares; H. A. Allan, two hundred and fifty shares, and all have paid up the full amount of their shares. The two directors named by the government are Messrs. Laliberte and Dumolin. No shares have been awarded to any director, as the reward of his assiduity at the meetings of the board of directors for any service rendered the company.

**DROPPED DEAD IN STREET.**

**George Valr, Well Known Gardener, Receives Sudden Summons.**  
 George Valr, head gardener at the Normal School, living at 50 Macpherson-avenue, dropped dead in Yonge-street as he was alighting from a street car going to his home at 5:30 o'clock last night.

**MOTORMEN NEGLIGENT.**

**So Says Coroner's Jury Enquiring Into Donaldson's Death.**  
 The coroner's jury enquiring into the death of John Donaldson, found that death, which resulted from injuries sustained by the deceased being crushed between two Bloor and McCaul-street cars, was due to the negligence of both motormen in not waiting until a right was clear of both trucks before starting their cars. The accident occurred at Queen and Simco-streets Wednesday last at 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Donaldson died at his home Saturday.

**EXPRESS RATES SLASHED.**

**Missouri Railway Commissioners Make 21 Per Cent. Cut.**  
 JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.—The Missouri Board of Railroad Commissioners announced to-day that it would issue a reduced maximum express rate schedule on Dec. 12 to be in force effective on Jan. 15, 1908. The average reduction will be 21 per cent. The schedule will be made up of two parts, the first applying to packages weighing 100 pounds or more, and the second to packages of less than 100 pounds.

**NEW ZEALAND'S LOSS.**

**Parliament Buildings Have Been Totally Destroyed by Fire.**  
 WELLINGTON, N.Z., Dec. 10.—The parliament houses were to-night entirely destroyed by fire.

**DELIBERATE SUICIDE.**

**Robert Graham Shoots Himself in Lumber Camp.**  
 PETERBORO, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Placing the muzzle of a Winchester rifle in his mouth, Robert Graham, a native of Minden, committed suicide in Robinson's lumber camp in the northern part of the county. The ball penetrated the top of his head. Graham was 47 years of age. No reason is known for his deliberate act, which was committed in the presence of several employes in the shanty.

**TOLD JUST IN TIME.**  
 An important announcement, partly entirely at the time of the year is made by Dineen, the furriers at Yonge and Temperance-streets. They purchase at a ridiculously low figure a batch of Mink Marmot skins from a trader who was overburdened with a heavy stock. The skins were made into stoles 7 inches long and to-day they will be sold at \$12 each instead of the regular price of \$20. It's a grand holiday opportunity.