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CRISIS REACHED IN OTTAWA OVER FUSE ORDER SCANDALS

Score of Conservatives Reported to Be Insisting on Inquiry as Result of Kyte's Sensational Charges That United States Syndicates Received Large Profits.

OTTAWA, March 29.—The government tonight faces a crisis precipitated by the demand of an investigation into the transactions of the shell committee. It is rumored that a cabinet meeting is to be held before the ministers retire for the night, and all evening members of the house have been gathered in small groups discussing the situation. It has been arranged that Sir Thomas White was to close the debate on the Laurier resolution and a division had been arranged. It soon became became evident, however, that the government could not count on a respectable majority. Some 20 Ontario Conservative members are said to have notified the prime minister that they would either refrain from voting or feel themselves constrained to vote against the government.

The trouble has been brewing for a long time, but it came to a head with the closing speech from the Liberal side, delivered by G. W. Kyte of Richmond, N.S. Mr. Kyte had the records to back up what he aid, and he told a story of bizarre adventures and get-rich-quick methods that involved the shell committee, Col. J. Wesley Allison, and all but scorched the garments of the minister of militia and defence. In the story he told of two mushroom corporations with an aggregate capital of $4,000. These corporation received orders from the shell committee for fuses aggregating $22,000,000.

Incidentally they received prepayment of about $3,000,000 in cash. From these contracts a commission of $1,000,000 was divided among certain promoters. One of these promoters was B. F. Yoakum, the man who wrecked the Frisco Railway. He was in partnership with Col. J. Wesley Allison and a mysterious musician, who formerly led the orchestra in a hotel in Montreal. The partnership dealt in war orders, including those given by the shell committee, and their commissions if they were paid up will run up to $3,500,000.

Up to last September they undoubtedly realized $500,000.

The debate upon the Laurier resolution for an investigation of the shell committee was resumed this afternoon by Mr. Pardee of West Lambton. He was followed by Mr. Boys of South Simcoe, who made an excellent speech in support of the government. Then came Mr. Kyte with his high explosive shells. When he finally got through the finance minister rose to reply, but he was observed to be laboring heavily, and soon moved the adjournment of the debate.

"You must be tired," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, sympathetically, and "you have a heavy task ahead of you."

GERMAN DEFENCES AT AVOCOURT TAKEN; AUSTRIANS DRIVEN FROM GORIZIA HEIGHTS; CONCERTED ATTACKS ALL FRONTS BEFORE JULY

FRENCH RETAKE PORTION OF AVOCOURT WOODS.

PARIS, March 29.—The French war office today reports that an attack was made last night on Avocourt Wood, west of the Meuse, where the German assault was made yesterday, by French troops who carried part of the works constructed by the enemy.

A desperate counter attack by the Germans followed but they were compelled to retreat with heavy loss.

AUSTRIANS DRIVEN FROM GORIZIA HEIGHTS BY ITALIANS.

ROME, March 29.—Italian infantry have forced the Austrians from the heights northwest of Gorizia, which were lost to the Austrians Sunday. 313 prioners wer taken including eleven officers.

BRING KAISER TO KNEES AND END WAR BY CHRISTMAS.

LONDON, March 29.—It is learned that as a result of the allied war council held in Paris it has been decided that before the end of June the allied armies shall strike simultaneously blows on all fronts with the object of bringing the Kaiser to his knees and end the war before Christmas.

SEVERE LESSON IS REQUIRED BY STRIKE MAKERS.

LONDON, March 29.—Dr. Christopher Addison, parliamentary under-secretary for munitions, revealed to the House of Commons today a grave condition of strike promotion and what he described as a deliberate, organized policy of holding up munitions of war, which, in the opinion of Sir Edward Carson, who followed him in the debate, might justify the men involved being charged with high treason for assisting the King's enemies.

James Henry Thomas, Labor member of parliament for Derby, and assistant general secretary of the Amalgamted Society of Railway Servants, also spoke, demanding, as a responsible trades union leader, that the men should be put on trial.

WAVES OF FOES MOWN DOWN IN VAIN ATTACKS.

LONDON, March 29.—Successive waves of Germans were mown down by French artillery and infanetry fire in an action of considerable importance that was precipitated by the Germans this afternoon, in an attempt to take by assault the French positions extending from Harcourt to Malancourt, a front of about a mile, on the western banks of the Meuse, and the German attack completely failed. In conformity with the usual German methods, there was first a violent resumption of the bombardment of the French trenches and field works, which lie between Avancourt and Malancourt, and then the German infantry was launched in a powerful effort to storm the Harcourt-Malancourt line. The French met this costly attack with a curtain of fire from their field guns and a great volume of fire from rifles and machine guns, and the Germans suffered heavy loses without gaining any advantage to themselves. The attack was started at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and in a short period the enrgy of the onsets was spent. The French did not need to deliver a counter-attack.

RETIREMENT OF GEN. HUGHES MAY BE NECESSARY.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 29.—Although the House adjourned shortly after midnight, members of parliament lingered about the political situation. The general impression seems to be that the government will have to recede from its poition in respect to the investigation of the shell committee announced some days ago by the prime minister. It is even said that he revolt apparently now in full progress will not be effectively checked except by the retirement of Major-General Sir Sam Hughes.

Thurlow Red Cross Society

Foxboro, March 22.—Report of the work of the Thurlow Red Cross for the month of Feb is still larger than the preceding months. There being 824 pcs of hand made stocks knit during the month of Feb.

From Phillipston Institute
- 26 Flannel day shirts
- 1 bed jacket
- 25 suits pyjamas
- 79 pairs socks
- 84 bandaged dressings
- 23 pillow slips
- 4 pillows by Mrs. L. Robson

From Zion Hill Institute
- 41 towels
- 24 pairs socks
- 4 pillows
- 2 quilts
- 15 day shirts
- 17 night shirts
- 2 wash cloths
- 3 handkerchiefs

From Halloway Red Cross
- 12 sheets
- 56 pillow slips
- 47 towels
- 17 suits pyjamas
- 2 quilts
- 1 coat and

From Foxboro Institute
- 29 suits pyjamas
- 175 pairs socks
- 14 khaki shirts
- 10 robes
- 6 quilts made and donated by Ladies Guild of Presbyterian Ch.

Queen Mary Patriotic Club
- 21 suits pyjamas
- 11 day shirts
- 18 pairs socks

From Quinte
- 20 shirts
- 16 suits pyjamas
- 16 robes
- 12 sheets
- 24 towels
- 5 pairs socks

From Prince of Wales View R.C.S.
- 30 shirts
- 25 suits pyjamas
- 59 pairs socks
- 90 bandages rolled by the pupils of Sec. No. 23, Miss Hobbs, teacher.

From Stirling
- 24 suits pyjamas
- 16 day shirts
- 49 towels
- 7 feather pillows
- 15 air cushions
- 12 pairs socks
- 1 90 mouth cloths
- 28 wash clothes

From Carmel Red Cross
- 10 robes
- 12 suits pyjamas
- 11 khaki shirts
- 24 pairs socks

From Gilead Union Jack
- 9 suits pyjamas
- 61 pillow slips
- 45 towels
- 11 pairs socks
- 1 day shirt
- 1 quilt

From Halston
- 18 pairs socks
- 100 wash cloths
- 48 towels
- 52 pillow slips
- 11 suits pyjamas
- 144 bandages

From Spencer's Ladies' Aid
- 18 shirts
- 11 suits pyjamas

From Point Anne Patriotic
- 13 suits pyjamas
- 60 pairs socks
- 13 grey shirts
- 18 khaki shirts
- 3 pairs wristlets
- 74 towels
- 46 wash cloths

CASH DONATIONS

The Princess Patricia Knitting Circle Foxboro $15; Richard Clarke $2, Miss Minnie Fairman, Texas $4, from junior room, Cannifton $2, Miss Jamieson, Teacher.

Next packing day April 4th.

H. A. Faulkner, president
Mary VanAllen, secretary

Firemen's Acts Remembered

Mr. W. CC. Dempsey, Albert Street, has made the Belleville firemen a generous contribution for their work in saving his dwelling from serious loss and rescuing members of his household during a fire which broke out early on Sunday morning, March 5.

Pte. Steenburgh Killed at Front

Word has been received that Pte. Jas. S. Steenburgh, of Cordoer, has been killed in action at the front. Pte Steenburgh, who was about 20 years of age, enlisted at Belleville and went to the front with the second contingent.

Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Harrison, of Madoc were in the city last night attending the performance of "Hamlet"

Signs of the Times

The Editor, Ontario:—

The London, England, County Council, a Parliament in itself, has established or utilized where already established nine training schools for classes in business training and munition workers to meet the needs of the present crisis which is sure to be felt eventually in Canada as in the Homeland. The result of the war. Whatever it is, will be as definite here as there. The London County Council makes the following appeal:

At this critical time in our national history there is an opportunity for everyone to lend a helping hand. Thousands are doing so, but there are many, no doubt, who are still wondering how they can best serve. Are you one of these? If so, here are two directions in which help is urgently needed.

For some time past the question has been asked, "What is to be done in the groups are called up?" There is much important work which must be done. Who is to do it?

The London County Council, at the request of the Home office, has arranged day classes for preparing WELL EDUCATED women, between 18 and 35, to fill up the gaps rendered vacant by the men.

Vacancies will be occurring in Banks, Government, Insurance, Railway and Shipping Offices and Business Houses.

Already about 600 women have passed through the classes have found appointments, and many applications for trained substitutes in these offices are now being received.

A large number of additional men and women, full-time munition workers are wanted in the factories. At the request of the Ministry of Munitions, the London County Council has established courses of training (free of charge) for this work. Practically all those who have been trained up to the present, have obtained well-paid employment. Women can be trained as workers, supervisors of technical trades.

Courses of training extend over six weeks and attendance is required on six days weekly (for four hours a day (extra hours in the case of officers.) The times of attendance are arranged to suit individual requirements.

Several Canadian girls with many hundreds of English girls are serving the Empire by thus filling up the gaps and feeding the guns.

It is also interesting and suggestive to note that the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom have organized commercial classes, (including languages) and sent over instructors to Holland who have been all winter training for business the Marines and Soldiers who were interned there after the fall of Antwerp, so that they may be ready to take their places as productive citizens when they return to their homes. And yet they say that England is asleep.!

Yours,
W. N. Ponton

Belleville, 28 March, 1916.

Work Among The Shantymen

Rev. Thos. Joplin Secretary, Tells of Religious Work Among Woodsmen

Rev. Thos. Joplin, Field Secretary of the Shantymen's Christian Association arrived in the city last night. Mr. Joplin who has visited the city before is well known. He informed The Ontario that the Association has doubled its force of workers since the war began, that in addition to the work in the camps, splendid work is being done among the settlers in the north and west. The Association has a Shantymen's Home at Feronia near North Bay. Men going to camps have found rest and encouragement here. Through this home many recruits have been secured for the army. Every Missionary has done his best to help recruiting. The Association has carried on special work with the troops in France and England. Mr. Wm. Henderson, the founder, also rendered special service to the British Government in many ways. Mr. Joplin recently visited Kingston where he preached in some of the large churches. The press speaks very highly of him as a public speaker of ability. Mr. Joplin will speak tonight, Wednesday at Bridge St. Methodist church He would like to raise $200 while in the city to help carry on the work. Letters can be addressed Rev. Thos. Joplin, care Y.M.C.A., Belleville

The Belleville Rifle Association sent yesterday parcelhs of tobacco and cigarettes to each one of their members now at the front. The Association has 36 members enlisted to date.

Great Success of 155th Band at Frankford

Frankford, March 28.—Special—The band concert given in Frankford on Friday evening last by the 155th Battalion, was a marked success in every particular.

The hall was packed to its utmost capacity, many being unable to find even standing room.

The numbers, which were mostly patriotic, were enjoyed to such an extent, that in every case, an encore was demanded.

Bandmaster Hinchey is to be congratulated on the splendid rendering of his selections, which were so highly appreciated by the audience.

Col. Adams short but stirring address brought down the house, and the results are very evident in the number of recruits who have signed up during the last few days.

No small measure of thanks is due Lieut. Harder, who was the promoter of the concert, and whom we claim as an old Frankford boy.

We hope in the near future, that we shall have the pleasure of again listening to a similar treat.

The Duke Joins in Y. M. C. A. Campaign

Montreal, Que., March 28.—A notable tribute to the work of the Y.M.C.A. both in peace and war, was given last night at the headquarters of the Association on Drummond street by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, as a meeting said to signalize the opening of the fourth drive to secure funds to add a thousand members to the association to replace those who had gone to the front. An interesting discovery had been made during the day showing that H.R.H was one of the oldest members of the Y.M.C.A., he having become a member her in 1876 at the old building at the corner of Craig and St. Andrews Sts. The Duke although suffering from a severe cold, spoke of unusual length. It was stated that the prayers for someone were inspired by a sympathetic admiration for the work of the Y.M.C.A. He gave them every encouragement. He eulogized what they had done for the soldier both at home and abroad and concluded with the following:—"I hope my presence will show my sympathy with the objects of your meeting and I can assure you that I wish you every possible success." His Royal Highness afterward left for Ottawa on a C.P.R. special.

Lieut. Holton Honored

Editor Ontario,—

I am sure it will please many citizens to learn of the honor extended to Luther Hamilton Holton, who was born on Charles Street, Belleville, and is a son of the late William E. Holton of Belleville, who died a number of years ago. The extract is from the Brooklyn Eagle of March 26, 1916.

Yours,
J. J. B. Flint.

Lieut. Holton Honored—Naval Militia Boys Present Sword to Their Organizer.

Lieut. Luther Hamilton Holton, at the first annual banquet of the Seventh Division Second Battalion Naval Militia of New York, was presented with a handsome sword with gold braid by William Shea on behalf of the battalon. Lieut. Holton organized the brigade on March 11th, 1915.

MILITARY NOTES.

The 224th Foresty Battalion is filling up rapidly. The men from this section are going direct to Quebec. The local recruits will be sent off as soon as possible

Captain Dr. Harper M.O. 155th is in town today examining 22 recruits

Five recruits were secured in Belleville yesterday for the 155th

Seven recruits are reported today from Gee Hill and five from Frankford.

Capt. J. R. Munro, 93rd Batt. of Peterboro was a visitor at the 155th headquarters yesterday

The 156th Battallion Band will play a return engagement at Deseronto on Friday night.

After the performance of "Hamlet" last evening, Mr. Kellerd and other members of the company were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William L. Doyle.

Rev. Father J. J. O'Connor of Belleville parish was taken last night to the hospital at Brockville on account of illness.

Hamlet Sanest Character In All Drama

Mr John E. Kellerd Shakespearean Star, in Interview Expresses His Conviction a That Point

Critics who venture to suggest that Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark, was intended by Shakespeare, to represent a man whose mind is partially deranged or to the verge of breaking down as a result of the circumstances surrounding him in the period of his life treated in the tragedy, meet in Mr. John E. Kellerd, the eminent actor of Shakespearean roles an artist who has absolute conviction that the Prince is the sanest character in all art and wiser than most human beings.

In the course of a short interview on Tuesday afternoon Mr. Kellerd gave the Ontario his views.—

"The question of the soundness and sanity of a man's mind he said, "is shown by his ability to reason logically, an ability that is not possessed by one person in a thousand. There is not a character in dramatic literature as sane as Hamlet. That is the reason he is so much quoted. How the so-called critics can continually wrangle about the sanity or insanity of Hamlet is beyond my comprehension. Shakespeare tells the characteristics of his stage personages very clearly in the lines of his characters. He done this with the character of Hamlet too. Hamlet expressly says that he may put on an antic disposition and deceive those people who are with him, who make them sweat not for money, but for saying that the king is a king.

"The humanity of his nature makes him a marked man which only proves that he is more human and honest than the rest. He is the only logical person in the group. His reasoning is sounder than anyone else's in the play, and yet his sanity is being continually questioned by so-called critics. All that Shakespeare requires is intelligence.

"All human beings act in different ways, only some are more emotional and imaginative. Hamlet is no more insane, is not nearly so as Polonius who thinks he knows everything and is yet a fool. A man may be within a foot of Niagara Falls and yet not be in the whirlpool. So with the mind. Insanity is a loss of reason, not a different state of mind.

Discussion turned upon what the future had in store for the plays of the master dramatist. Mr. Kellerd stated "The possibilities of the future all depend on who plays them. Shakespeare is said more than any book in the world, except the Bible and this would not be so if his plays were not reduced in the performance. I do not believe that the public have the faintest idea of how much pretense there has been in the performance of these plays.

"It would be useless for me to endeavor to impress what I mean in a newspaper interview. Some day and I hope very soon, I shall demonstrate what I mean in a public building which will be much better than talking about it."

Coleman Street Houses Flooded

Although all danger of a big flood in the Moira river is over, Coleman street residents last night were paid an unexpected visit by the watery element. The water from Coleman's Flats which generally finds an outlet to the river by way of various ditches was blocked in its usual passage and took to Coleman street. From eight o'clock to midnight the north side of the street was flooded and many houses were threatened with invasion. The water rose almost to the floors of a dozen houses or more and al lcellars were filled. The houses of Mr. James Thompson and Mr. G. J. Forhan were invaded by the water but little damage was done as they had time to remove carpets and furniture. About midnight the water receded.

Frankford Man Is Wounded

Ernest Weller, a member of the 21st Battalion, has been wounded. His address is given as England, but for years he had resided at Frankford, Ontario.

Died

MOORMAN—In Thurslow on Tuesday, March 28th, 1916, Henry Moorman, aged 65 years.

Mrs. John L. Bailey of Stirling has returned home after spending a few days at the home of James Bailey 90 Moira street