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ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAYS INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MADE THOROUGH

Royal Commissioner Will Hold Sessions in Fredericton, Gloucester and Kent

W. H. Berry to Be Subpoened as a Witness--An Interesting Session Today--Statement of Matters Which Mr. Veniot Has Laid Before Commissioner

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., March 18.—When W. B. Chandler, Royal Commissioner investigating the government departments, opened his court this morning there were present Attorney-General Baxter and Hon. John Morrissey and Messrs. E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot who laid certain information before him.

Mr. Veniot said that he had no idea that any witnesses would refuse to attend with the exception of William H. Berry. "That is just what occurred to me," replied the attorney-general.

Commissioner Chandler, speaking with regard to the information concerning the work of the Farm Settlement Board in Gloucester and Kent counties and probably at Bathurst on charges connected with public works in Kent county. The services of interpreters are to be procured on account of many of the witnesses being French.

Attorney-General Baxter: "If there is anything wrong we want it made right. If there is anything rotten we want it cleaned out."

Mr. Veniot said that he had suggested to Commissioner Chandler that, on account of the large number of witnesses who would be called in connection with the matters affecting Gloucester county, the hearing could be better held at Bathurst or Carleton Place.

In accordance with the suggestion sessions will be held at Bathurst in connection with the charges connected with public works in Gloucester county and probably at Bathurst on charges connected with public works in Kent county. The services of interpreters are to be procured on account of many of the witnesses being French.

Attorney-General Baxter repeatedly made the statement that the government was desirous of unearthing any wrong doing and made particular reference to certain people who, he said, had been going through the county making charges of wrong doing against certain departments. These were people whom he meant to have before the commissioner to show if they were speaking of facts or hearsay.

As this reference of the attorney-general plainly referred to members of his own party and to certain members of the legislature his remark was received with interest.

The commissioner waived the formal reading of the charges preferred by Mr. Veniot in connection with public works in Gloucester and Kent counties and read a list of witnesses preferred by Mr. Carter in connection with the information in relation to the Dalhousie Lumber Company.

The attorney-general inquired concerning the nature of the information on Shippegan Island barren toward Lameque road, saying that all government departments continually had to hold up accounts for unauthorized cost. If such accounts had been sent in and held up the department had done what it ought to have done.

Mr. Veniot: "My information leads me to believe that the accounts sent in to this department are padded accounts. If the minister of public works will state that they will not be paid until fully investigated by his department, I am willing to drop the matter."

The attorney-general said that the government did not wish any of the information to be withdrawn. He could see, however, no reason why a department should be blamed if certain people attempted to defraud it and were prevented.

Mr. Veniot said that the men who were said to have made the attempt in regard to the roads were also acting as foremen on bridges.

Attorney-General Baxter asked if there would be any further information against any departments. He did not want an investigation in connection with one completed only to find that another was required in some other department.

Mr. Carter replied that the business of investigation was no more pleasant to him than to any one else. He had no intention of bringing forward information that he did not believe to be authentic and hoped there would be no necessity of asking further time than next Thursday. There was much hearsay and many stories were in circulation.

The attorney-general then made his remarks concerning those who had been attacking various departments.

"There are certain gentlemen, said he "who from time to time have indulged in a good deal of talk. I think that if they don't come out and make their charges that the commissioner should summon them and find out if they are speaking facts or merely hearsay. If there is anything wrong we propose to put it right or stop the mouths of those who have been going about the country slandering people."

Thus did the attorney-general serve notice upon the insurgents among the supporters of the government that they must come out into the open. Whether Pinder, Woods, et al, will accept the invitation remains to be seen. The information of Mr. Carter was contained in his letter to Mr. Chandler of March 17 which Mr. Chandler produced in court. It has already been published.

MR. VENIOT'S INFORMATION

The information furnished by Mr. Veniot is as follows:— RUISSEAU CARRIBOU BRIDGE, PARISH OF SHIPPEGAN, GLOUCESTER CO.

In the item 842 for 3,000 feet spruce lumber, credited to P. F. Boudreau, I am informed and have reason to believe that this lumber was never delivered by him to this bridge that when the bridge

CAPTAIN MORGAN NOW IS "DOING NICELY"

Two words were all that were contained in a cablegram received from "agland" this morning by F. L. O'Regan, brother-in-law of Capt. C. J. Morgan, III in hospital there, but they were words of cheer. "Doing nicely" was the message and it will be received with pleasure by his numerous friends.

BEFORE JUDGE FORBES

Ernest Pallison, a Dane, was fined \$25 by Judge Forbes this morning under the Speedy Trials Act for an offence under a local statute.

Walter Lacey was also before His Honor, and was allowed out on bail on his own recognizance, to appear on Monday. E. J. Sweeney appeared for Lacey.

Two More Stages, Then Constantinople

Allies' Warships' Operations in Dardanelles Now in Fourth Phase—Twelve Miles Clear and Real Fighting About to Begin

London, March 18.—A Daily Telegraph despatch from Tenedos says: "Bad weather has seriously interfered with the operations in the Dardanelles. What has been obtained so far, is preliminary to a great attack on the forts there by direct fire. I anticipate this attack may be costly, but if the forts in the narrows are once reduced the works beyond them are not formidable and the way will be open to Constantinople. The serious fighting in fact, is about to begin."

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"A novel effect in war paint is presented by the allied fleet. Some of the vessels are daubed with irregular white patches on their grey paint, and the big masts and funnels are irregular masses of stripes. All this tends to make them less visible at a distance."

The Dardanelles operations are now in the fourth phase, according to the calculations of the allied admirals. The first phase was the demolition of the batteries at the entrance to the Straits. The second was the clearance of the mines in the first reach, as far as Cape Kephez. The third was the bombardment of Chanak Kalesi by the battleship Queen Elizabeth through a high angle fire over the Gallipoli peninsula, while another British ship inside the Straits observed the effects of the shots and notified the Queen Elizabeth by wireless under the protection of a French ship which circled about, firing on the batteries.

"The fourth phase, now begun, is the sweeping of the mines of Chanak Kalesi, which stands at the most formidable and narrowest point of the Dardanelles. The fifth phase will be the bombardment of Chanak. After that the remaining forts are not formidable and the way will soon be clear to Constantinople."

GREAT GUNNERY

"Some of the most target work done was by the French ship Suffren, which at seven miles placed five out of six shots with her 12-inch guns within a square of twenty-five yards."

EDWARD MANNING PLAN SEND-OFF FOR THE RIFLES M. A. DIED TODAY

Former Grammar School Teacher and School Board Secretary Passed Away in Digby

After a lengthy and distinguished career in educational circles, in which he established a high reputation and acquired many heart-warming friendships, the death of Edward Manning, M.A., occurred this morning in Digby, N.S., where he has been residing for the last few years. He had reached his 82nd year.

The greater part of his life was spent in St. John, where he is held in great respect for his long and successful career as a teacher in both public and private schools. He was appointed a deputy teacher in 1888. Mr. Manning was sent to this city to start a Church of England school. This, however, did not prove very much of a success and in 1888 he joined the staff of the Grammar School. For the next eighteen years Mr. Manning taught there with marked success.

In 1876 he went to P. E. Island, where a few months after his arrival he was appointed chief superintendent of education in the Davies government, at the adoption of the free school law. At the end of three years the government was defeated and Mr. Manning, in common with other appointees of the Davies regime, was retired from office. It was in 1879, two years after the great fire, that Mr. Manning returned to St. John. At the time there was no vacancy in the public schools and he taught in private institutions till he again joined the Grammar School staff with which he remained till, in 1890, he was made secretary of the board of school trustees.

Mr. Manning was a member of St. John Lodge, A. F. and A. M. and was one of the earliest members of St. George's Society. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Sarah Betts, daughter of the late Captain Hiram Betts, of the city, and by three sons and two daughters. The sons are Dr. James Manning of this city, Edward B. Manning of New York, and Charles M. of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto. The daughters are Miss Sarah Manning and Mrs. George G. Hare of Digby. The arrangements for the funeral are not yet completed.

The news of the death of Mr. Manning will be heartily and deeply regretted by all who knew him, for to know him meant to like him because of his kindly disposition and his uprightness. He left the stamp of many a man who was now men making their way in the world or looking back on success achieved.

While regarding still continues slowly as regards the 55th Battalion, only four or five more joining the ranks today, lively interest is being displayed in the formation of the Canadian Railway Construction Corps. Some twenty-five volunteers were enrolled here yesterday morning and are to be trained in the city.

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The funeral of Edward Mayes Sprague took place this afternoon from his late residence, 66 Adelaide street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hinchey, and interment took place in the Main street Baptist church were pallbearers. The funeral was held at the residence, City road. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

HERE FOR FUNERAL Mrs. Peter Clark of Dunchester, Mass., arrived in the city last night called home by the sad news of the death of her brother, Matthew O'Neil. Her husband had not been well so that she was unable to come home on the death of her other brother, Daniel J. O'Neil a few days ago. Arrivals at noon today were Mrs. T. Killackey, Mrs. W. Burgen, Mrs. R. McCreedy, all of New York, sisters of Mrs. O'Neil, to attend the funeral.

"FINDERS" NOT "KEEPERS" It was possible to reach out and pick up money in King street this morning. Several \$1 bills were scattered by the wind from the hand of a man who was changing a larger bill and they were strewn in the roadway until picked up by himself and others after a frantic chase.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales from the northwest and west; snow north and east; fair in west; Friday, northwest winds and cold. New England forecast—Fair tonight; Friday increasing cloudiness; moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was near the middle Atlantic coast yesterday, has developed into a storm now centred south of Nova Scotia. The weather continues cold from Ontario to the maritime provinces and has turned colder in Manitoba.

RUSSIANS MAKE PROGRESS; FRONT ADVANCES 600 MILES

Czar's Men Driving Germans Back Towards East Prussia

FIGHTING VERY FERCE

Russian Strategy Has Triumphed Over Von Hindenburg and Latter's Half Million Reinforcements Have Been of Little Use

Petrograd, March 18.—Battering away at the Austro-German lines over a battle front 600 miles long, the Russians are making progress in both Poland and Galicia. The Germans are falling back at many points towards the East Prussian frontier.

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It is reported that one point in Northern Poland, near the Masurian lakes, the Russians are on the threshold of another invasion of German soil.

The fierceness of the fighting on the Bohemian front, the sector of Gossowitz, is shown by reports that 15,000 Germans have fallen there. Russian strategists again triumph in the Polish campaign. Although 600,000 reinforcements were sent to Von Hindenburg, the Russian commander never in such fashion that the German leader could not deploy his men.

German Steamers Interested Callao, Peru, March 17.—The German steamer Terra Cordoba, of the North German Lloyd line, has been detained by the Peruvian authorities until the end of the war. It is charged that she was supplying the cruiser Dresden with coal.

HUNGARY HAS WAR SCANDAL Vienna, March 18.—Two wholesale cloth merchants in Budapest have been arrested, charged with defrauding the government to the extent of several million crowns by supplying worthless material for field uniforms.

WAR NOTES Discussing the allied blockade of the German coast, the Cologne Gazette says it will go to the aid of the allies in a submarine warfare with complete recklessness and resolution.

The London Chronicle does not anticipate any difficulty between the British and American government over the German blockade.

It is reported that Denmark, Norway and Sweden have joined in a protest against the allied policy of reprisals on German commerce.

Extensive troop movements are reported under way in Austria-Hungary. The case of Werner Horn, the Vanceboro bridge dynamiter, was up in Banquet today. His counsel claim that since he is a lieutenant in the German army his case should come before the state department instead of the courts.

Opening street prices in Chicago today ranged from one cent off to five cents up, and then sharply advanced round. Commission took the buying side.

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Quarter Million Men In Mighty Conflict

Thousands of Big Guns Thundering Night and Day For Weeks in Champagne District—A Vivid Pen Picture From the Front

Paris, March 18.—British warships which bombarded Westende have been shelled by the Germans with their 16-inch guns. It was these guns which bombarded the trenches of the Belgians and Indians at Nieuport.

Wounded French soldiers declare that the meagre official bulletins fail to give any idea of the fierceness of the fighting in the Champagne district. Nearly a quarter of a million men have been engaged there in a mighty conflict on the Les Meunil, Perthes, Beaune-Jour line between Rheims and the Argonne forest.

Thousands of big guns have been thundering night and day for weeks. The fields are covered with rotting corpses. The ground is torn with shell fire and the explosions of mines. The horror of the long fight, the tension of battle, and the stench of decaying flesh and burning gun powder, together with the fumes of poison bombs, have driven hundreds of soldiers into stark madness.

Fighting is again in progress near Arras and Albert, where the Germans are trying to win back some of the ground they had previously lost.

Three German Princes Killed In Battle In Which British Defeated Enemy

London, March 18.—A tribute to German bravery in the great battle of Neuve Chapelle in Northern France when the British defeated the Germans, is paid in an official eye-witness' narrative. This account reports that three German Princes, including Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern, a member of the reigning family of Germany, were killed in the conflict.

The narrative tells of desperate fighting and terrific slaughter in the ranks of the Germans.

It was a prisoner who gave the information about the three princes being killed. The German losses are estimated at 19,700. Of this number 1,700 were prisoners.

SOLDIER MUST PAY \$20 OR GO TO JAIL DOZEN STEAMERS AT NEW YORK WITH WAR SUPPLIES

Hauling Young Scotchman Along Street—Another Gets into Trouble With Policeman

New York, March 18.—Work is being rushed in the loading of more than a dozen steamers here with food supplies, ammunition, guns, motor trucks and other material for the allies. Several steamship companies have been compelled to charter additional vessels.

The steamer Malta was at the French Line pier today, taking on board a 15,000 ton cargo said to be chiefly war supplies while another French vessel, La Gasconne, was being prepared to take horses to the allied armies on the continent. She was formerly in the passenger service. The Philadelphia was to leave for Liverpool today with a large cargo and the St. Louis and Orduna were loading to sail on Saturday.

The Europa and other Italian steamships sailing this week had their decks crowded with horses and their holds well filled with army supplies.

BELGIAN MINISTER TO THE VATICAN Rome, March 18.—Baron Van Den Heuvel, newly appointed Belgian minister to the Vatican, presented his credentials yesterday to Pope Benedict. The baron emphasized the loyalty of the Catholics of Belgium and said he felt certain of the assistance of the Holy See in attaining "the ultimate triumph of the rights of Belgium."

The Pope responded with expressions of solicitude for the welfare of all his children and pledged his untiring efforts to diminish the suffering occasioned by the war and to hasten its end.

THE RIVER STEAMERS Captain Harvey Weston, of Gagetown, recently appointed master of the steamer Victoria arrived in the city yesterday from his home. He will be in charge of the steamer from now on. Captain Taylor of the Oceano arrived in the city yesterday from his home in Sheffield, N.B.

The steamer Victoria is expected to be brought across the river to her new wharf in a day or two. The wharf was formerly occupied by the May Queen and the Elaine.

The tug Flushing is on Hilary's blocks for repairs to her hull. The tug is one of the largest and most powerful on the river and is used for towing rafts of logs.

WM. FITZPATRICK DEAD At an early hour this morning William Fitzpatrick died at his residence, 224 Duke street, after a short illness. Besides his wife he leaves four small children, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, three brothers, Michael, Fred and John of this city, and five sisters, Annie, Evelyn and Lilian and Mrs. D. Murphy of this city, and Miss Jennie of Boston. Many friends will regret to hear of his death. His funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

NO CONFIRMATION OF SINKING OF KARLSRUHE London, March 18.—Inquiries at the admiralty failed to secure confirmation of a report printed that the German cruiser Karlsruhe had been sunk by an allied vessel.