

BRITISH BLUEJACKETS DRAW PAY FOR SERVING ON A GERMAN SUBMARINE



The first British bluejackets to receive payment for doing duty on a captured German submarine. The photograph was taken when the crew of the U. C. 5 were receiving their money.

STILL ANOTHER SCANDAL SEEMS LIKELY AT OTTAWA

Very Unsatisfactory Situation Results From Action in Having Old Walls of Parliament Building Torn Down; Mr. Lemieux's Motion

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 24.—In the absence of any official statement concerning the sessions held this week at Ottawa by the Parliamentary Reconstruction Committee, conflicting reports have been circulated concerning the proceedings and led up to the present unsatisfactory situation. In the tangle of events and mass of misunderstandings the following facts stand out:

On February 17 last Architects Pearson and Marchand reported to parliament that after a "careful examination" they found the principal walls of the parliament building to be practically undamaged and that these walls represented an asset of \$2,000,000 and could be reused.

In the month of May last, parliament, acting on the report, voted \$1,000,000 for the "restoration" of the parliament building. The word "restoration" ap-

pears in the estimates as voted and this was the authority and the only authority given by parliament to the joint committee named by the two leaders to decide on the plans and methods by which the partially destroyed building would be restored.

On July 7 last, Hon. Robert Rogers took a party of newspaper men over the ruins of the old parliament building for the purpose, as stated in the Ottawa Free Press of the same date, "of showing them why it had been found necessary to remove practically all of the old walls."

In the same paper on the same date Mr. Rogers is reported to have thus addressed the party of newspaper men:

"Now, gentlemen, you see why the Parliamentary Committee, which is co-operating with me in this work, decided that all the old walls had to come down. For everything that is being done we have the unanimous approval of the

parliamentary committee, composed of both Conservatives and Liberals."

Two weeks after Mr. Rogers announced the unanimous decision of the parliamentary committee to tear down the walls.

Liberal Members Not Consulted

Hon. Dr. Pugsley arrived in Ottawa and declared that up to the time of his arrival he had not heard a word about the total demolition of the walls and expressed his amazement that the committee had not been consulted. His Liberal associates on the committee, Messrs. Lemieux and Watson, later said they were equally in the dark on the subject.

The architects were then asked to explain their part in tearing down the whole building. They did so in a report dated August 8, which is not only contradictory in its own terms, but is directly at variance with their report made to parliament on the 17th of February last. So far as Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues are concerned subsequent explanations made by Architect Pearson have failed to satisfy them.

This was the position of affairs when the committee met this week. Discussing the raising of the walls, Hon. Mr. Rogers told the committee that he was not responsible. Confronted with his interview in the Ottawa Free Press of July 7, he denied the statements attributed to him, but he had no explanation to give as to why, if they were not true, he had allowed them to remain uncontradicted for more than six weeks.

As the architects, in the opinion of the Liberal members, had failed to clear their skirts in the matter, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux at the meeting on Monday the 21st inst., moved that as no contract had yet been signed with the Lyrall Company they should be paid for all work done to date on the cost plus percentage system, and that as the parliament buildings are to be wholly reconstructed instead of being partially restored, as at first contemplated, public tenders should be called for in accordance with the provisions of the law. This is the motion that caused the prolonged sittings of the committee.

Mr. Lemieux's Position

Facts with which the public are familiar support the position taken by Mr. Lemieux. While "restoration" of the old building was expressed that it could be got ready for next year's session, there was some force in the argument that the work of restoration might best be done on the cost plus percentage system. But when an entirely new building is to be erected and when, according to Architect Pearson, it will take three months longer to prepare plans, specifications and an estimate of its cost, Mr. Lemieux and the other Liberal members of the committee feel that, having regard to the millions of money involved, the only safe and businesslike way to proceed is by public advertisement and tender. Moreover, it was urged upon the committee that when the country is spending a million dollars a day for war purposes, the public would heartily approve any step taken in the interest of economy.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley supported the position taken by Mr. Lemieux and pointed out the legal difficulty of proceeding with reconstruction when parliament had

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FRENCH HAVE TAKEN MAUREPAS; BRITISH ARE DRIVING AHEAD

Last Night's War News From All Fronts Shows Gains For the Allies

Striking simultaneously, the British and French have made substantial gains on the Somme front, according to the official statements issued by Paris and London. Maurepas has fallen to the French, who have pushed forward more than two hundred yards beyond that town on a front of a mile and a quarter. The British, on their side, report an advance of 300 yards south of Thiepval, and the capture of many prisoners.

The capture of Maurepas leaves Clercy almost completely surrounded, and also brings the French directly in front of the important railroad town of Comblis.

Thiepval is in almost the same position as Clercy, and the Allied front, as described by Paris and London, now resembles the teeth of a great saw between which the Germans are tenaciously holding the ruins of several villages.

Press despatches from the Somme front indicate that the French are preparing for an extension of their offensive for a distance of thirty miles south of the present battle line. They are reported to have opened a tremendous cannonading from Batares to Lassigny, and the bombardment is said to have reached an unprecedented intensity during the last two days.

No change is reported on the eastern front, but the Russian offensive in Armenia is apparently assuming powerful proportions. Petrograd reports the re-occupation of the important Armenian town of Mush, and the capture of 2,300 prisoners at Rading.

The situation on the Saloniki front still remains obscure, but apparently there has been no important change in the positions of the belligerents since the Allied flanks were forced back by the Bulgarians at the opening of the offensive. There have been no further reports as to the attitude of Roumania, and main interest is centred at present on the situation in Greece. Athens news despatches report that Greek volunteers are rushing to Serres from all parts of the country to take up arms against the

authorized only restoration. Rather than have a division in the committee before the laying of the corner stone on September 1, it was agreed to defer voting on Mr. Lemieux's motion until after the ceremony had been performed on the date mentioned. An adjourned meeting will then be held and if Mr. Lemieux's motion is defeated it is expected that the Liberal members of the committee will at once resign.

Bulgarians. In the absence of official information conflicting reports are being received as to whether or not the Greeks and Bulgarians have actually clashed. Reports received at the Greek capital state that fighting has been going on at Serres for some days.

The Italians are pushing their new offensive on the extreme north of the Austro-Italian line, and claim the capture of several Austrian positions. There has been an increase in artillery activity along the Isonzo, but so far no infantry actions have been reported.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24, via London, 4.30 p.m.—Advices received here today from the Dutch Island of Ameland, in the North Sea, state that continual and heavy gunfire, from the north, has been audible all through the morning.

SOLDIERS' COMFORT WORK

More than \$150 was realized from the food sale and tea held, yesterday afternoon and evening, at the "Frontier Boys' Hall, Guilford street, West St. John, for the Soldiers' Comfort Association. The hall was opened at 4 o'clock, and from then, until 6 o'clock, there was a liberal patronage at the tea tables. Other booths and tables likewise received the patronage of the large numbers who attended in the afternoon and evening. Home-made candy, ice cream, wearing apparel, fancy work and embroidery were on sale, and there was a display of stockings made for the boys in the trenches. Mrs. A. W. Fraser, president of the society, acted as general committee head. Mrs. Barrett was in charge of the tea and was assisted by Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy and Mrs. J. L. Duval, who poured, and ten young ladies who served. Miss Freda Burton, Miss Mildred Long and Miss Beatrice Hannam were at the ice cream booth; Miss Bertie Ring and Mrs. A. W. Fraser were at the wearing apparel; Mrs. J. Brittain and Miss May Clarke at the homemade cooking and Mrs. E. C. Girvan and Miss Ella McLennan at the homemade candy table.

A meeting of the provincial advisory committee was held here today in connection with the boys' conference that



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will be held here in either the third or fourth week in October. Some committees were appointed and others will be named later on. The meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. building. The conference is not a Y. M. C. A. one, but that organization is co-operating with the named later on. The meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. building.

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