

FIRST CANADIAN OFFICER FREED FROM PRISON

Captain W. M. Hart of C.A.M.C. is Back From the Fatherland.

London, July 6.—Capt. W. M. Hart, of the C. A. M. C., Winnipeg, boasts that he is the only Canadian who has been to Berlin and back since the war started, but he admits that his impressions of the Kaiser's capital were only fleeting though sufficient to make him detest the Teutons.

Together with a territorial medical officer he was one of a party of British exchange prisoners who recently reached England. During the Ypres attack at the end of April Capt. Hart was attached to the 5th battalion Western Cavalry, and had care of the wounded. With the commanding officer he went to procure ambulances which they were successful in obtaining, but a blocked road rendered passage impossible. Capt. Hart went forward alone to rejoin the wounded, but was taken prisoner on an open plain by a group of Germans.

He was first sent to an internment camp at Mainz and afterwards to Danholm, a small island in the Baltic. The conditions at Mainz were wretched, the bread being much inferior to the war bread used by the population, while the meat supply seemed to be horseflesh. Capt. Hart and his companions chiefly subsisted on food mailed by friends. A sample of the loaf served out was brought back by Capt. Hart and is now displayed in the window of the Canadian Immigration Department on Trafalgar Square.

OFFICERS BADLY CROWDED

The captured officers were crowded 19 in a room at Mainz although the German officers were given separate rooms. At Danholm the conditions were rather better, the commandant there being more humane. The journey to the Baltic was made via Berlin of which the prisoners saw little, but they received insulting greetings. When first examined after being captured, special interest was shown in the fact that Capt. Hart was a Canadian, and through an interpreter he was asked: "What did the English tell you to persuade you to fight?"

Capt. Hart was exchanged as a medical officer, but left behind him Capt. G. W. Northwood, Lieut. J.K. Bell and Lieut. G. F. Andrews of Winnipeg and Lieut. H. E. L. Owen of Fort William, all of the 5th battalion. He expressed satisfaction that they were better off at Danholm than they would have been at other camps. From Capt. Hart's observations of the Germans, he is convinced that whatever humanity they possess is entirely superficial.

Large Air Ship Lands in Quebec

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Quebec, July 6.—A message received to-day from Noyan Junction, Missisquoi county, Quebec, says that last night, about 7 o'clock, a large aeroplane landed in a field outside the village, and that two men with plans and papers alighted, taking their flight shortly after towards Montreal.

Grand Rapids, Mich., jitneys have been driven off the streets.

Brooklyn, N.Y., finds one family in 25 owning an automobile.

State-wide prohibition went into effect in Alabama without disorder.

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was never paid. When the Royal Commission hove in sight Howden says the Grits got scared, and Chambers attempted to return the money, but he refused to accept it. Chambers was forced to keep it, and in the interim the "strong-arm," hangers-on heard of it and sent burglars to Chambers' home one night to get the boodle. They did not succeed, but they scared Chambers so he got cold feet. The next day he put the cash in a bag, ran with it to Newton, dropped it at his feet and ran away. Newton put it in a deposit vault in Chambers' name and sent Chambers the key by registered letter with a letter of explanation. Chambers' signature on the receipt was personal. The money is there now and is expected to be an exhibit before the commission a little later.

It was the most dramatic recital ever listened to in a court, and the lawyers for the Government tried in every way to have the names of the prominent Liberals mentioned stricken from the records. Failing in this they attempted to have the commission order the papers not to publish them, but again failed though the Commission ruled that Fullerton must prove Chambers' agency, which he promptly proceeded to do by showing to the court his conversation with Premier T. C. Norris.

Howden stood a grueling cross-examination without changing his story. The facts revealed were the climax of a sensation and have set the political world buzzing again. It is reported that the Norris Government may be forced to resign unless they can establish the falsity of the Chambers-Howden-Newton intrigue. Chambers, it is said, will not deny that he got \$25,000 but insists it was of his own bat, and that he was merely to catch the Conservative Government.

NORRIS IN THE SCHEME

Howden stated that when the negotiations had reached a certain stage, he interviewed Norris at the Royal Alexandria Hotel and that the present Premier, after admitting that he was not particularly anxious to take office at that time, also admitted that Chambers was authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of himself (Norris) and certain other persons not named by Howden.

Norris stated that the Liberal party as a party did not know of the proposals but that he, together with other individuals, did and that Chambers would not undertake any negotiations which would not be approved.

According to Howden's story, G.M. Newton approached him during the last session and arranged a meeting between Newton, Howden and Chambers, as there was a proposition from "the other side" regarding election petitions. The meeting duly took place and Chambers stated that as a condition precedent to further negotiations \$50,000 had to be "in sight." If they were sure of the \$50,000, the election petitions would be dropped. The Liberals needed the money, as they were hard up after going through the last election.

The \$50,000 was secured from Dr. R. M. Simpson and handed to G. M. Newton by Howden. The negotiations again took place, and Chambers was told that the \$50,000 was too high and that it would be cut in half. "I told them," said Mr. Howden, "if you fellows are good, you will get the other \$25,000."

Chambers then told him that the \$25,000 was pretty low, as \$6,000 had to go to G. W. Prout, \$5,000 to Hon. Edward Brown, and some to James H. Ashdown, who had put some of the Liberals' expenses for instituting the petitions. The amount to Mr. Ashdown was not stated, as at this juncture a violent legal quarrel arose. Pitblado, counsel for the Government, held on behalf of the Liberals that the names of the three men should not be mentioned unless Fullerton proposed to show that Chambers acted as their agent. Fullerton stated that he could not undertake to do that, neither could he control the witness. This brought down upon him condign castigation from the bench, and he was told to prove his facts by evidence, not by hearsay. Then Justice Perdue stated that before Fullerton questioned Howden further he should get Norris in the box and prove agency on the part of Chambers for Norris. Fullerton flatly stated that he could call what witnesses he chose, and in the order that he chose. In the further quarrelling, Mr. Pitblado asked that the names of Messrs. Brown, Prout and Ashdown should be stricken out of the record. It looked for a few moments as if this would be done, but Judge Robson said: "I may be the only one who thinks so, but so far as I am concerned, those names are going to stay right there on the record. This is not a striking-out commission."

His view was eventually concurred in by the other commissioners. Then Pitblado wanted the names kept out of the press, and Justice Perdue stated that he could not control the papers, but that the papers should not mention the names.

The \$50,000 was put up by Dr. Simpson on March 29, and after this \$25,000 was handed to Chambers on Howden's instructions by Newton, in the Carlton Club. Subsequently, after the resignation of the Government, Chambers saw Howden and expressed his feeling of "cold feet" over the publicity that the matter was likely to get. The second \$25,000 was turned back.

DO ANYTHING FOR PARTY

Howden, cross-examined, stated that he entered into the deal for the sake of the party, and that a man did much for party that he'd never think of doing in private business.

He thought that the dropping of all election petitions would be worth the constant session, because it would mean that there would be no by-elections, and consequently that the Government would continue to hold office with its narrow majority. His cross-examination was not finished at the adjournment hour. Sir Rodmond Roblin preceded him upon the stand. Sir Rodmond Roblin, in continuing his evidence, under cross-examination, stated positively that he understood that in the changing of office the old Royal Commission was to close up. Mr. Pitblado endeavored to have him state that the understanding was that the commission should be suspended, because it would mean that there would be no by-elections, and consequently that the Government would continue to hold office with its narrow majority. His cross-examination was not finished at the adjournment hour. Sir Rodmond Roblin preceded him upon the stand.

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Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

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GERMANS REPORT FAILURE

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Berlin, July 6.—(By wireless to plane attack was directed against Sayville)—A great British aeroplane attack was directed against the German positions in a German bay of the North Sea, on the morning of July 4, according to a German official statement issued under date of July 6. The attack, the announcement adds, failed.

Laid at Rest

The funeral of the late Jean Evelyn Lewis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lewis, took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 57 Mohawk street. Many friends and acquaintances paid their last respects to the deceased, and the funeral was largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. J. Loney of Hamilton, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Alexander and the Rev. Mr. North. Interment took place at Mt. Hope cemetery, the pallbearers being relatives of deceased, uncle Jack, uncle Loran, uncle Gordon and uncle Marie. The floral tributes included: Pillow, mother and father; sprays, grandma and grandpa Woodley, aunt Cora, Joe, Gordon, uncle George and Violet, grandma Lewis, uncle Ted, and aunt Mary, uncle Jack, aunt Olive and little Jack, aunt Nellie and uncle Loran, aunt Erith and uncle Loran, Lorne and Jack Wisson, Kenneth, Edith, Marion and Olive Crabb, Frank and Lillian Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Pickering and Charlotte Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Potter, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Callis, uncle Reuben, Mr. and Mrs. R. Draper, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Small, primary class Gospel Tabernacle, Young Peoples' society Gospel Tabernacle, pastor's class Immanuel church, the boys of Mr. Lewis' Sunday school; wreaths, cross, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Dawson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keane, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family; anchor, choir of Gospel Tabernacle flower girls; Edith Crabb, Dorothy Pickering, Nellie Dennis, Ella Brown and Hazel Bellhouse; teachers and officials of Immanuel church.

ELIZABETH BULL. The funeral of the late Elizabeth Bull took place from the family residence, Saturday, July 3rd, at 2 p.m., to Mount Hope Cemetery. The funeral service was held at St. Paul's Church, at 2:15 p.m. Rev. H. C. Light officiating. The pallbearers were H. Pettit, J. Mellor, R. Foster, A. Cornell, H. Kitchen, S. Denton. Flowers: Willow from the family; wreath, Graton & Co. employees; cross, Mrs. McDonald and family; wreath, Doric Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Emmett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mellor, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gilmartin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Overend, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gillespie, Mrs. Vinal, Graton & Co., Limited.

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