

PROMISES REFORM IN WAR PURCHASES

Sir Robert Borden's Reading of Foster and Garland Out of Party—Sir Wilfrid Holds Government Responsible

Ottawa, April 15—Arthur Dewitt Foster, Conservative member for Kings, Nova Scotia, and William Garland, Conservative member for Charlton (Ont.), have been publicly reprimanded for wrongdoing by Sir Robert Borden, the premier, in parliament. The two leading members are expected to tender their resignations and step out of public life.

The course of the premier follows the hastily disclosed matter during the past few weeks by Liberal members in the public accounts committee in relation to government purchase of war supplies. The premier admitted that irregularities and wrongdoing had occurred. He argued that the government should not be held responsible for enormous purchases had to be made in short time. Improperities and fraud which occurred were in the violation of express ministerial orders.

Promises Reform in Future. Sir Robert promised on behalf of the government to do better in future. He agreed with the position taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that it was the duty of the justice department to make every endeavor to obtain restitution and punish offenders.

He announced the intention to immediately appoint a commission of from one to three business men to undertake the expenditure of parliament's new \$100,000,000 war vote. An effort being made, he promised, apart from all political considerations, to secure men of the widest experience, highest ability and perfect integrity.

Reads Tory M. P.'s Out of Party. The premier, in slow spoken and emphatic words, formally read Messrs. Foster and Garland out of his party. "I feel it the duty I owe to the government, of which I am the head, the party of which I am the leader in federal politics, and to the house and the country," he stated, "to thus publicly express my most grave disapproval of the conduct of the gentlemen."

Neither Mr. Foster nor Mr. Garland was in the chamber, and the premier's statement was received in impressive silence by both sides, subsequently followed by an outbreak of prolonged cheering from his followers.

Laurier Holds Government Responsible. Sir Wilfrid Laurier followed the premier. There could be no issue as to the action taken, however regrettable it might be. He was afraid that the investigations so far held had merely scratched the surface of what had been going on. He held the government responsible for certain offences. The department of militia, he maintained, must have realized that it was not dealing with the boy clerk Fowler, but with his employer—the man at the bottom who was profiting by the transaction.

Sir Wilfrid approved the premier's resolve to institute further investigation. This investigation should be made with thoroughness, justice, fair play and the full limit of publicity. There should be no closing of the wide open door of publicity. Parliament and the government had a stern and a real duty to perform if the tragedies of the past were to rebound to the well-being of public life in Canada.

With the appointment of the proposed commission, the Liberal leader was also in accord. He preferred three commissioners to one, and he urged that, in every war expenditure made, all contracts should be let by tender, dealing should be direct with the producer and manufacturer and no favors to anyone should be shown.

Neither political party had proved itself a collection of angels with respect to the patronage evil. Since Confederation the patronage system had entered too largely into all public work. Sir Wilfrid believed it to be an evil. He was ready to do his part to get rid of it forever. It had been shown to have generated a great deal of graft and corruption, and it was doubly criminal when the fate of the gallant Canadian troops was involved.

Not Looking for Party Advantage. "There has been talk of general election," concurred Sir Wilfrid. "I adhere to the position I have taken. I have no opinion or suggestion to offer to the government on that matter. It is their own business. We have endeavored on this side of the house during the present session to forget as much as possible that we are party men. If it had been otherwise we could not have been with in half an hour of prorogation at this moment. There are many subjects which should have been debated, but we did not debate them. We refrain because, though we are party men, we believe that the one thing which should engross our attention at this time is the war in which we are engaged."

No Reason for Any Election Now. Sir Wilfrid referred briefly to the "reason" given by Hon. Mr. Rogers for holding an election, the question of the Senate and its action, and other equally trivial matters of mere partisan difference which had been exploited, he believed, thoughtlessly. "What do these things matter?" he asked. "What do our little difficulties matter in the face of the great issues with which we are confronted in connection with the present war? There are big things to claim our attention and our effort. We are party men, but under the serious circumstances which confront us today what we should make paramount, what we should insist upon, is that the brave troops going out from us to the front to defend as noble a cause as ever engaged the effort of men, as noble a cause as any for which brave men have ever shed their blood, shall be as fully equipped, as Canadian enterprise, Canadian money, and Canadian science can equip them. Thus they shall be in a position ably and efficiently to discharge their duty to their country in a manner worthy of their ancestors. This for the moment is our supreme duty, our greatest obligation."

THE PATRIOTIC FUND

A meeting of the executive committee of the Patriotic Fund was held yesterday, when in connection with the disbursement certificates the chairman, Judge Forbes, and A. P. Barnhill, K. C., were given authority to affix their names thereto. The treasurer, C. B. Allan, submitted a report on the financial condition of the fund in which he stated that

GRANDMA NEVER LET HER HAIR GET GRAY

Kept Her Locks Dark, Thick, Glossy, With Sage Tea and Sulphur

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger. The total amount that had been deposited in the St. John fund was \$82,628.25, and of this \$71,499.08 had been remitted to Ottawa. He mentioned that the number of families receiving aid from the fund was increasing. In December the number was 280; in February it had grown to 420; in March to 460, and in April it stood at 490. In March the total of \$7,840.40 had been paid out at the branch, making a round total of \$40,000 since the fund started. There remained about \$80,000 to the credit of the branch at the head office in Ottawa. Mr. Allan pointed out that while it had been estimated that the cost of administering the fund was from two to three per cent of the disbursements for sums between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in St. John, the actual cost worked out at two per cent.

MANY REFUGEES IN HUNGARY

Swarming in Hundreds of Thousands—Austria to Take Them

Budapest, April 15—The Austrian-Hungarian governments, after a few weeks' negotiations, have made arrangements regarding the Galician refugees who are scattered over Hungary in hundreds of thousands and have become such a nuisance that the Hungarian government has deemed it necessary to get rid of them. According to the arrangements made, the Hungarian government will simply expel them from the country as undesirable aliens and the Austrian government will install them in concentration camps erected for that purpose.

Count Tissa recognized this question as of great importance, and went to Vienna a few days ago with this special problem in mind. He said he made the Austrian government understand that they would have to look after the Galician refugees for if no satisfactory arrangements were reached he would expel them. There can be no question of the sentiment with regard to the Galicians, whose sojourn in the country has rendered the criminal statistics three hundred per cent in the last half-year. In fact, the behavior of these people cannot be tolerated. They not only practiced extortion and forced the prices of foodstuffs to an artificial height, but they also committed other crimes against property and the Jewish population of Hungary and that the Jewish population of Hungary and the best pro-Semites are applauding the government's decision to expel them.

A most curious fact is that they are, almost without exception, well-to-do and even rich, though their exterior would lead one to think them beggars and they accept the beggar's dole. The weekly state allowance for refugees is demanded for all, although their koftans are lined with money. They have formed associations and speculated in everything, pilfered up flour and vegetables when the bread famine was almost unendurable and forged everything that could be forged.

MOST FAMOUS VICTORIES

British sailors have on their uniform a perpetual reminder of the navy's glorious past, though not every one who wears them knows that the three rings of white tape around the clipping of the collar and the black silk scarf knotted in front are links with Nelson. The white spaces commemorate Nelson's most famous victories—Copenhagen, the Nile and Trafalgar—and the black is a sign of perpetual mourning for the great admiral, adopted spontaneously by the seven themselves, and retained ever since.

RID STOMACH OF GASES, SOURNESS, AND INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" Ends All Stomach Distress in Five Minutes.

You don't want a slow remedy when your stomach is bad—or an uncertain one—a harmful one—your stomach is too valuable; you must cure it with drastic drugs. Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in giving relief; its harmlessness; its certain unfailing action in regulating sick, sour, gassy stomachs. Its millions of cures in indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis and other stomach trouble has made it famous the world over.

Keep this perfect stomach doctor in your home—keep it handy—get a large fifty-cent case from any drug store and then if anyone should eat something which doesn't agree with them if what they eat lays like lead, ferments and causes and forms gas; causes headache, dizziness and nausea; eruptions of acid and undigested food—remember as soon as Pape's Diapepsin comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. Its promptness, certainty and ease in overcoming the worst stomach disorders is a revelation to those who try it.

We Were Wide Awake

WHEN WE SAW THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE HIGH CLASS

Clothing, Boots and Men's Furnishings

at prices that would enable us to offer such bargains to the citizens of St. John that would defy any and all competition—prices that mean the saving of good hard earned dollars to hundreds of families in this city. To people who must needs count every penny this great event opens the way and makes it possible to buy necessary clothes, boots, etc. at prices within easy reach of all. Hundreds of people have proved that today. Join the thrifty crowds tomorrow and get your Share of the bargains.

Men's Navy Blue Suits \$6.90

Boys' Tweed Suits \$2.48

Worth \$4.00 and \$4.50.

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- Men's Tweed Suits worth \$10 for \$4.80
Men's Tweed Suits worth \$12 for \$7.98
Men's Tweed and Worsted Suits worth \$25 for \$16.48
Men's Pants worth \$3 and \$3.50 for \$1.98
Boys' Bloomers worth \$1.25 for 68c
Boys' Tweed and Serge Suits worth \$6.50 for \$3.98
Men's Overalls and Smocks for 37c
Men's Shirts worth \$1 for 48c

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BRITAIN'S NAVY; THE CANADIAN RAILWAYS AND THE NEEDED BREAD

The present conflict in Europe has demonstrated beyond the possibility of doubt that the maintenance of Britain's superiority at sea, and the expansion of the wheat areas in British dominions, have been linked together as basic factors in the consideration of plans for imperial offense and defence. The lawmakers in London, as a matter of policy, have allowed nothing to interfere with the building up of an all-powerful navy, and they have steadfastly ignored the protests of Englishmen who have contended that Great Britain would be in a deplorable position if a war should develop with a powerful maritime power.

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The location of the kidneys, close to the small of the back, renders the detection of kidney trouble a simple matter. The note of warning comes from the back. The kidneys become overtaxed and fail to do their work at nature's call. Backache is the signal sent out by the kidneys the minute they become overtaxed. Those who heed the warning when it first comes, usually have but little trouble.

THE DANGER LIES IN DELAY. Doan's Kidney Pills stimulate the action of the kidneys, and enable them to perform their duty perfectly.

Mrs. Greig Murphy, Lower Ship Harbor East, N.S., writes: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills in my family as a better pill for the kidneys. I was very miserable with my back, and could hardly get about. I got a box, and tried them, and found that they were really good, so I took in all about six boxes, and soon found my back cured, and my kidneys as well as ever."

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BISHOP CONFIRMED SOLDIERS AT FRONT

Service Attended by 500 Officers at One Point in Line

London, April 15—An officer who acted as escort to the Bishop of London on his Easter tour along the British battlefield contributes an account of the journey, in the course of which he says: "The bishop passed along the entire front, often well within range of the German guns, and through places where critics maintain she imposed upon herself by producing but a quarter of the wheat she annually consumes."

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Do not trifle with ordinary or oily liniments, use NERVILINE. Prove its efficacy—its the one liniment that rubs right into the core of the pain.