

"COWARD," SAYS CARVELL, AS RHODES CALLS WITNESS LIAR

Hearing Over Purchase of Horses Results In Warm Session—De Witt Foster Makes An Effort To Excuse Himself.

[Special to The Advertiser.] OTTAWA, April 12.—Conservative members today made heroic efforts to defend A. Dewitt Foster, M.P., the horse buyer. Witnesses have given evidence that the Foster party bought horses with spavins on two legs; horses with ringbones; wind-blown horses from twenty to thirty years old; a horse that was condemned as too old at the time of the South African war and a horse that had once been sold for a drake and the battle front. Conservative members tonight showed bitter resentment against witnesses who have told these facts. An effort was made to shake the evidence, without success. Finally E. N. Rhodes, M.P., declared to one witness that he did not believe he was telling the truth. "You are a coward to say a thing under the shelter of your privilege as a member," thundered P. B. Carvell. Mr. Rhodes flushed, but made no effective reply.

Foster, M. P., was heard in his own defence. The figure he cut was far from heroic. He would not take the oath until practically compelled by Mr. Carvell.

Contemptible Steal. "This is the most contemptible steal ever pulled off in this country, and I want to say to you, sir, that I believe you know it," declared Mr. Carvell to Foster, at the conclusion of the statement and examination. So astounded was Foster that he did not know what to say. He made a statement of his own, but it was not accepted without challenge, and Foster stumbled out of the box.

Foster made his statement on his honor as a member of Parliament, declining to be sworn. Mr. Carvell would not allow it to go on record until the oath had been taken. His statement was that he had been asked by Lieut. Col. Neill, chief veterinarian of the militia department, to make up a complement of horses. He had consented to do so, had signed checks for horses purchased, and had taken no commission for himself. "Now," he said, "I am ready to submit to any questions that may be asked."

Garland Said It, Too. "Garland made a statement something like that," remarked Mr. Carvell, quietly, "and something like \$10,000 were paid back." Foster had associated with himself, G. H. Oates, secretary of the Conservative Association of his county; Keever and Woodworth, two former Canadians, now interested in Western American gold mines; Mortimer and "Doc" Chipman. He made checks for horses bought by McKay, Keever and Woodworth, handed over to Oates, with instructions that they should be paid when receipts were turned in showing purchases had actually been made.

"Where are the receipts and vouchers now?" asked Mr. Carvell. "In the hands of Keever and Woodworth, the men who should have them," replied Foster.

Vouchers Sought In Vain. These receipts and vouchers have been vainly sought by the committee for weeks. This case has been on for weeks; you are vitally interested. Have you made any attempt to get the receipts?" asked Mr. Carvell. "Foster said he did not know Keever's address," he had written Woodworth, who replied that as soon as he could get his hands on the receipts and arrange his private business he would come to Ottawa.

"Didn't you see Keever and Woodworth in Boston a week ago?" asked Mr. Carvell.

Saw Them a Week Ago. Foster hesitated, then admitted he had seen Woodworth, exactly at a distance, but had no chance to talk with him. It was evident that there was some talk, however, as Mr. Carvell asked: "Did you try to get the receipts?"

Foster parried, remarking that Woodworth said he would appear before the committee as soon as he could. "Did you tell him that the House would proscribe within a few days?" Foster replied that he had not, that he had not tried to get vouchers or receipts, that he had not tried to get a statement of purchase from Woodworth or Keever, as he did not think they would have it.

"Did you ask Keever to come here at all?" asked Mr. Carvell. "No," replied Foster. Mr. Carvell wanted to know why Foster had made up the statement for Col. Neill, showing that he had bought 428 horses and paid \$72,000 for them out of Government money.

"Took Their Word." The reply was that Oates checked up

WARSHIPS WERE ON WILHELM'S HEELS

German Cruiser Escaped Destruction Only by a Miracle.

HEARD VESSELS TALKING

Makes Way to Port While Warships Chase a Collier.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 12.—The German commerce raider Kronprinz Wilhelm will not be permitted to go into Liverpool at the shipyard here unless Lieutenant-Commander Thierfelder, commander of the ship, makes formal request for time to complete such repairs as he deems necessary to make his vessel seaworthy. Capt. Thierfelder told Collector Hamilton tonight he could not do so before tomorrow. Experts from Newport News who examined the ship today found her leaking slightly and her boilers in bad condition. Unofficially it was learned that the vessel would require extensive repairs. That was taken to indicate the ship eventually might be forced to intern.

The German captain, however, is insistent that he must hasten to repair his ship, and return upon his work as a merchant raider. He discharged today officers and men of the British ships, whom he brought here, and they were transferred to the British steamer Cassandra, which sailed tonight for England.

Escape Was Miraculous. That the escape of the Wilhelm from the allied warships off the cape was a miraculous one was attested tonight by Capt. Thierfelder in describing his experience after destroying the Coleby in March 27 last.

"We started north from the equator short of coal and provisions," he said. "As we came up the coast we continually heard the British warships talking to each other by wireless. It seemed on some days and nights that there were as many as eight warships within a radius of a few hundred miles. But we kept on due north, running as rapidly as we would, with our ship darkened at night. One night we heard the exchange of news about the Prinz Eitel Friedrich being at Newport News. Thereafter we heard information about the Eitel every night, and a few nights ago we got the news from the British wireless that the Prinz Eitel had been interned."

"Immediately thereafter all talking between the British warships ceased. We presumed that the fleet was breaking up, and on Saturday night we decided to bolt in for the Virginia Capes."

One Ship Near. "With all lights out we started at top speed, but had not gone far when we again picked up the wireless of the allied warships. However, we kept on. As we got near the coast it seemed to us from the signals that there were as many as three British warships and one French ship within distances varying from three to fifty miles with our ship seemingly dangerously near as we approached the cape."

"One night on our way up we were to have met a German commerce raider, for her. There were low, overhanging clouds about us, but in the distance a brilliant moonlight showed us our ship, and there were two British warships after her. The clouds protected us and we escaped. We never heard of the collier again."

From other sources it was learned the collier was believed to have been the Macedonia, which was reported to have put out from Las Palmas about two weeks ago.

It was reported that the allied warships were upon the Wilhelm's trail was given out tonight by Capt. Lucas, of the British ship Berwindmore, who followed the German raider into the capes. He said that when the Wilhelm passed within the three-mile limit he saw her stern reflected by a searchlight, and that he later discovered the light had been thrown from afar by a French warship.

HUERTA WILL NOT GO TO MEXICO OR CUBA

NEW YORK, April 12.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, the exiled former president of Mexico, arrived here late today from Spain on board the steamer Antonio Lopez.

Gen. Huerta was permitted to land after he had taken oath before the immigration inspectors that he was not going to either Mexico or Cuba, and had stated that his stay in this country would be divided between business and pleasure.

The former president of Mexico was accompanied by his secretary, Gen. Delgado, and a friend, Abraham Rathner, who said he was forced out of Mexico last May.

CAPTAIN WITH RIFLE DRIVES OFF AEROPLANES

LONDON, April 12.—8:45 p.m.—"Armed with a rifle, Capt. Sharp, of the British steamer Serula, which has arrived here, successfully repulsed an attack made upon his steamer by a large German hydroplane and a small aeroplane off the Northumberland lightship," says Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent.

The aeroplane first approached the ship, dropping bombs, which fell into the sea. As it returned to the attack Capt. Sharp fired upon it with a rifle, hitting the machine several times and damaging one of its wings. Then the hydroplane took up the attack, but it also was driven off. Capt. Sharp says he is convinced the aeroplane was badly damaged so that it was unable to reach Zeebrugge.

LARGEST U. S. AEROPLANE FALLS, KILLING INVENTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 12.—Cecil Macdonald Pool, an aviator, was killed at College Park, Maryland, near here, today, while making a test flight in an aeroplane of his own invention in which he had planned flights from Washington to New York, and from New York to St. Louis. The machine fell three hundred feet and Pool's skull was fractured. He died almost instant.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF CHATHAM CITIZEN

CHATHAM, April 12.—A man named Morris, brother of Police Officer Morris, of this city, has disappeared from his home in this city, and his relatives are earnestly seeking for him. He left his home on Delaware avenue yesterday afternoon to feed the chickens, and he has not been seen since.

FOR FOURTH CONTINGENT.

KINGSTON, April 12.—Thirty-seven men have already been accepted for the fourth contingent, being recruited here.

DORCHESTER BUSINESS SOLD. DORCHESTER, April 12.—P. Burke, of Windsor, has purchased the hardware stock of Levi Hodgins, and intends taking possession of the business in ten days. Mr. Burke is an expert tinsmith, plumber and mechanic.

Her Majesty Encourages Patriotic Women



Queen Mary photographed after a visit to the Guild of Women Workers at Wood Green.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, April 13.—The following casualties were announced by the Militia Department this morning:

FIRST BATTALION.

Killed in action—Pte. James Fairbairn, March 18, (formerly of 3rd Battalion). Next of kin, Miss Laura Fairbairn, (sister), Royal Crescent, Edinburgh, Scotland.

SECOND BATTALION.

Wounded—Pte. K. Kubartek, (formerly 9th Battalion), on March 30. Returned to regimental duty April 2. Next of kin, Pete Volynsk, postoffice, Covel, Russia.

FOURTH BATTALION.

Killed in action—Pte. George Edward King, March 31. Next of kin, Martha King, Gorleston-On-Sea, England.

FIFTH BATTALION.

Seriously ill—April 10, Private Kenneth Eaton, acute meningitis. Next of kin, Mrs. R. W. Eaton, Kentville, N. S.

Death—Pte. Frank H. M. Robertson, April 12. No. 10 stationary hospital, St. Omer, cerebro-spinal meningitis. Next of kin, J. S. Robertson, (father), No. 1 Perth road, West Kensington, London, England.

NO. 2 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Death—Pte. Edward Curtin, April 11, at Salisbury infirmary with jaundice. Next of kin, Daniel Curtin, No. 614 Talbot street, London, Ont.

Russia Cancels Order For Canadian Boots

Disclosures In Investigation Cause Loss of a \$3,000,000 Contract—General Hughes Makes Statement, But Government Votes Boots Good.

[Special to The Advertiser.] OTTAWA, April 12.—Whatever the country and the soldiers may think, the boots which melted off the feet of men in service, were good boots. They must be, for the Conservative majority in Parliament tonight voted that they were good boots.

The whitewashing report of the committee was rejected. Still, there are some people who seem to doubt the quality of the boots, for, at the close of the sitting, General Hughes stated that as a result of disclosures at Ottawa, the Government had cancelled an order it had placed for three million dollars' worth of boots. This was taken as an indication that it would have been to the advantage of Canadian manufacturers to have made better boots for Canadian soldiers.

Debate Lasts All Morning. The debate on the boots lasted throughout the day and finished at 11 o'clock in the morning. The seven members of the committee spoke. Premier Borden and Gen. Hughes were the only other members who contributed to the debate. They excused failures and praised the boots.

Chairman Middlebrooks held that the 1914-15 boots were as good or better than the 1899-00 boots which marched through Africa.

Hon. Charles Murphy condemned the boots, condemned middleman transactions, and quoted the condemnation of the boots called by Hon. George Perley and Gen. Alderson.

Middlemen's Consistency? J. A. Ramsville blamed the failure of the boots on the weather and said the matter of middlemen's profits was one for each middleman to settle with his own conscience. E. W. Nesbitt stated that he had gone on the committee with a feeling of almost sympathy for the manufacturers.

WHITE MAN MAROONED ON DRIFTING ICE FLOE

NOME, Alaska, April 12.—Native seal hunters are reported, in mail addresses received from Icy Cape on the Arctic coast, in latitude 70, to have sighted a white man wintering mentioned on an ice floe, which was drifting in a southerly direction toward Wrangell Island.

The natives believed the man either was a member of Vilhjalmur Stefansson's Canadian Arctic expedition, or was a survivor of the wrecked whaling schooner New Liberty.

Attempts were made to rescue him, but an off-shore wind blew the ice floe out of reach.

Today's advices said that unless the wind shifted, the floe must have touched Wrangell Island, where food caches were left last summer by the party which rescued the survivors from the wrecked Stefansson exploring ship Kariak.

SAD HURON TOWNSHIP DEATH. KINCARDINE, April 12.—Mrs. A. Emmerton (formerly Anna Cameron), of Lake Range, township of Huron, died this morning. A child was born died this morning. The funeral will take place on April 13.

TO NAME COMMISSION SOON. TORONTO, April 12.—Indications are that the Ontario Government will lose little time in taking steps to bring into being the central commission, which was the feature of the liquor legislation recently introduced and passed in the House. According to the provincial secretary, the commission task will be taken in hand before many days are past.

NO VODKA MEANS DOUBLE SAVINGS

Country Enjoying the Most Prosperous Period in Its History.

TRADE OUTLOOK GOOD

Country Expects Part of Business Enjoyed By Germany.

[Canadian Press.] PETROGRAD, April 12 (via London) 5:30 p.m.—The opinion was expressed today by Pierre L. Bark, Russian minister of finance, that economically considered, the war has been a blessing to the people of this country. Discussing the financial and social aspects of the conflict, in an interview with the Canadian Press, Mr. Bark said:

"Notwithstanding the depressing and paralyzing effect of the war, the Russian peasant class is more prosperous than at any previous time in the history of the country. It is not difficult to account for this unusual prosperity. By virtue of the allowance made by the Government to the families of soldiers, the earning power of the power of these families is greater than in times of peace."

"What about vodka?" was asked of the minister. "It is the prohibition of the sale of vodka which is primarily responsible for the ameliorated condition of the peasant," he responded.

Evidence of Prosperity. "It is not necessary to invent theories to explain why the Russian people should be more prosperous for the actual fact is that this prosperity is everywhere noticeable. Before the war, the average yearly savings deposited amounted to 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 rubles (\$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000), while in the month of January alone about 60,000,000 rubles (\$30,000,000) was deposited."

"What about the crops?" was the next question. "The farmers have been very fortunate in being compelled to hold their supply of grain on account of the difficulties of transportation, for now grain is at the highest prices of the year. There is every reason to believe that the farmers will soon be able to dispose of their grain in foreign markets and at a great advantage."

Discussing the conference in Paris of the finance ministers of Russia, France and Great Britain for the consideration of financial problems arising from the war, Mr. Bark said:

"This is an excellent arrangement for all concerned, for while Russia has enormous resources, she is in need of immediate capital, and our allies, on the other hand, have more capital than supplies."

"I have arranged a credit of \$25,000,000 francs (\$125,000,000) in France, and of \$25,000,000 (\$125,000,000) in England, which Russia is to use at any time the occasion requires. We are on the point of making use of part of the French credit."

In response to a question regarding the recent increase of 30 per cent in the tariff, Mr. Bark said: "That is only a temporary affair, designed partly to make up for the loss in revenue from the vodka traffic. I do not believe that this temporary increase in the tariff will discourage foreign trade with Russia."

"In fact, Russia looks for a tremendous increase in trade with the United States and her allies, to replace the German trade existing before the war. I am not an authority as to what kind of trade treaties will be formed at the end of the war, but I am sure every-thing will be done to open the Russian market to these countries, and not permit it to slip back to Germany."

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WINNIPEG MAN, NATIVE OF LONDON, TO ENLIST AT 62

[Special to The Advertiser.] WINNIPEG, April 12.—Control-Middlesex, a native of London, and member of a well known Middlesex county family, announces that he will shortly return to the front with the 27th Battalion of Winnipeg. He has been connected with the Canadian militia since 1885, and saw active service in the Riel rebellion. He was quarter-master-in-charge of the squad at the trial of Riel in Regina. He is now major of the veterans brigade, 62 years of age. The Minister of Militia has his application for enlistment.

HARPALYCE HAD PAPERS FROM GERMAN MINISTER

LONDON, April 13.—2:27 a.m.—In a dispatch from Rotterdam the Daily Telegraph's correspondent says:

"I am officially informed that the British steamer Harpaluce, under charter to the American minister at the Hague, which was sunk several days ago in the North Sea by a torpedo or mine, was actually carrying the papers of the German minister at The Hague. These took the form of a safe conduct and were intended to protect her against attacks from German submarines while returning to the United States."

The belief has been expressed that the Harpaluce had been unloaded at Rotterdam her cargo of gifts for the relief of the Belgians, and was on her return voyage when she met with disaster.

DODGES ALIEN LAW WITH 'BALL TEAM'

[Canadian Press.] BATTLE CREEK, Mich., April 12.—On the charge of being in this country illegally, Edwin Mashe, superintendent of the M. Rumely plant here, was taken into custody by the local police today at the request of United States Im-

migration Officer Faber, of Port Huron. He will be given a hearing tomorrow.

Inspector Faber claims that Mashe not only entered the United States in violation of the Alien Labor Law, but also brought with him a dozen men from Toronto, disguised as a baseball team.

The Rumely Company operated a plant in Toronto, which has been closed. Mashe came here and has been acting as superintendent of the local plant, after being here some time he returned to Canada for his family and on his way back was refused admittance. It is stated, at Port Huron. Then, according to his own story, he entered the country at Detroit and had been here for some time before the officials at Port Huron realized it.

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"Fruit-a-lives" Cured Paralyzed Bowels and Digestion.

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"It is a pleasure to me to inform you that after suffering from Chronic Constipation for 2½ years, I have been cured by 'Fruit-a-lives.' I was a student at Berthier College, I became so ill I was forced to leave the college. Severe pains across the intestines continually tortured me and it came to a point when I could not stoop down at all, and my Digestion became paralyzed. Some one advised me to take 'Fruit-a-lives,' and at once I felt a great improvement. After I had taken four or five boxes, I realized that I was completely cured, and what made me find also was that they were actually gently causing no pain what. As to the bowels. All those who suffer with Chronic Constipation should follow my example by taking 'Fruit-a-lives.' They are the medicine that cures."

"Fruit-a-lives" are sold by all dealers at 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c, or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

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Colored Cloth Top Boots

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF CENSORS.

Laced Boots for women's spring wear have blossomed forth in great profusion. The popular selling numbers are those with Sand, Putty and Grey Tops, with patent colt vamps.

Black Cloth Tops with that military touch are selling well, especially in button-up boots.

Complete Range at \$5, \$4, \$3.50, \$3

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A number of strap models are shown along with color combinations.

Prices Range From \$2 to \$5

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