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Flemming Should Retire, Says Dugal

F. B. Carvell Characterizes Premier's Challenge as Childish and Foolish

No Government Meeting Held Today But Governor and Acting Premier Confer--What Fredericton Hears--The Feeling in St. John

L. A. Dugal, leader of the opposition in the legislature, the man who brought the charges against the premier, when informed of the findings, over the long distance telephone at his home in Edmundston, expressed his gratification that the charges had been sustained.

MR. CARVELL SPEAKS OF FLEMMING'S LETTER

Speaking of the findings of the royal commission and, particularly with reference to the exoneration of Mr. Flemming with regard to the specific charge that he had personally directed the extortion of money by Mr. Berry, F. B. Carvell, M. P., chief counsel for Mr. Dugal said this morning:

"I feel that the commission has done the proper thing. In the absence of Berry's evidence, and without giving credence to the evidence of Mr. Flemming, there is no direct evidence that the latter specifically directed Berry to get the money.

"But for all that no sane man would believe that Premier Flemming was not at the bottom of the whole transaction.

"The letter in which Mr. Flemming says that the findings are cruelly unjust is simply characteristic of what any man who found himself in such a situation would say. Twenty five years legal experience would lead me to expect just such a protest.

"I am glad to see that he has repented to the extent that he is willing to make restitution of the money. He is not the first man in his position who has announced such an intention in the hope of securing mitigation of the sentence.

"Mr. Flemming's letter is childish in the extreme, although much of it is what might be expected, but I certainly did not expect of him anything quite so childish and so foolish as his challenge to single combat in the political arena.

"I hope that the investigation and the findings of the commission will have the effect of clearing the political atmosphere of New Brunswick and that it will mark the dawn of a brighter day in provincial politics."

THE SITUATION IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 20--The government held no meeting this morning, but the members are still here. Governor Wood is also here. Mr. Flemming went to Woodstock last evening. It was reported today that the attorney general is looking into the charges made by E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, against W. H. Berry, with a view of taking some action. Colonel Loggie, deputy minister lands and mines, is on leave from Fredericton.

Acting Premier Carvell was in conference with Governor Wood at noon but afterwards had no statement to make. "You have got the report," he said. It is believed here that Flemming's resignation is in the governor's hands, but that action will be deferred to allow him to stage a few scenes for the benefit of the galleries.

THE NEWS IN ST. JOHN

The findings of the royal commission appointed to investigate the Dugal charges did not come as a surprise to the people of this city for everybody was familiar with the evidence.

The general attitude has been one of disgust. With the report in and published the commonly accepted idea seems to be that Mr. Flemming has no further excuse for delaying his resignation.

Falling voluntary action on the part of the premier there is a general feeling that no further consideration should be shown him and that his resignation should be insisted upon.

THIS IS LETTER FLEMMING WROTE

Premier Flemming replying to the findings of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Dugal charges, has issued an open letter to the electors of New Brunswick in which he attacks the findings of the commission on some points and advises that he has written a letter to E. R. Teed, of Woodstock, telling him "in view of the commission's report that amounts contributed by various lumbermen which came to your hands ought to be made payable to them."

With a tone of injured innocence Mr. Flemming says that as neither "acquiesced in the collection" nor "directed the disposition" of any monies collected, even in spite of the fact that the commission found that there was evidence that "He (Flemming) directed the disposition of such monies when collected.

He also attacks the finding that "the money was extorted by Mr. Berry," by saying that he does not believe there was any extortion in spite of his letter to Mr. Teed.

With regard to the railway charges Mr. Flemming says that "the charge that contractors were compelled to pay large sums before they obtained their contracts is found by the commission to be sustained, but avoids the issue by saying that when the proper time comes to discuss the finding he will review Mr. Kennedy's evidence, on which the finding was reached, and show the public there is no justification for the finding in regard to the Kennedy payment. He says: "I do not wish to use language too strong, the least I can say is that the finding is cruelly unjust. Without evidence and without justification this commission have in this way injured my reputation and character as a public man."

Mr. Flemming ends his appeal to the public by challenging F. B. Carvell to test the public opinion by both resigning their seats and running in a bye-election in Carleton county.

Notwithstanding the finding of the commission Mr. Flemming ends his letter by saying that he has given the province honest, faithful service and is prepared to defend his administration both of the government and the crown and department.

HIS TRIBUTE TO EARL ROBERTS

London, Nov. 20--Among the thousands who lined the Thames embankment as the funeral procession of Lord Roberts passed was a wounded Indian warrior with his eye bandaged. He was supported by a nurse. He was in Charing Cross Hospital and had begged permission to get out to see the last of the hero of the Indian mutiny.

QUARTER MILLION FIRE LOSS

Keansburg, N. J., Nov. 20--Twenty-five small buildings, mostly stores, were levelled by flames here today. Twenty families were made homeless. The damage is estimated at \$250,000.

CATTLE EMBARGO AGAINST CANADA WAS LIFTED TODAY

Washington, Nov. 20--The quarantine against cattle shipments from Canada to the United States, imposed because of foot and mouth disease, was lifted today by the department of agriculture.

The quarantine against Canadian cattle was placed to prevent the return of infected cattle cars to the United States. The raising of the Canadian quarantine was said by officials to be an added evidence that the epidemic is being brought under control.

VILLA MARCHES ON MEXICO CITY

Little Difficulty in Reaching There, is Report

CALL BY OREGON

He Denounces Villa as One Ready to Sacrifice Country For Personal Ambition--Four Priests Put to Death

Washington, Nov. 20--Pressing southward at the head of an army eager for fight, after months of recuperation, General Villa will encounter little difficulty in reaching Mexico City, according to the opinion of American agents expressed in despatches received today by administration officials.

Other reports told of the continuation of Villa's triumphant march. Queretaro, where they intended to make a stand, was not indicated.

Mexico City, Nov. 20--General Obregon issued a manifesto to the nation last night, calling upon all citizens to join the cause against Villa, whom he denominated as a "traitor and criminal, whose whole purpose is to sacrifice the country on the altar of personal ambition."

Paso, Texas, Nov. 20--A military bulletin from Guadalupe says that four Catholic priests had been executed by order of General Joachim Amador, military governor in the State of Michoacan. It was declared that the clerics had headed an uprising. Several similar uprisings of the people against alleged confiscation and desecration of church property have been reported from points in southwestern Mexico.

KAISER'S VISIT WAS COSTLY IN SHELLS

Paris, Nov. 20--The inconvenience of having a sovereign who insists upon being his own generalissimo seems to have weighed heavily of late upon the German armies in the west. A French soldier who has been engaged in the district just south of the Somme gives particulars of the Kaiser's recent visit to his lines in that region. He says "to prove their zeal in his presence German officers increased their daily quota of about 100 shells fired at the French to 800 in forty-four hours."

The imperial traveler was five miles south of Lihous, where the same ceremony was repeated. There again the German infantry showed little enthusiasm to attack us, but some blows and threats improved their sense of duty. There was a frightful homicide. They again tried to capture the villages of Girona and Quesnay Sante on the following day, but although encouraged by the presence of the Emperor they failed ignominiously. An officer tells me that 500 German bodies have already been buried and that many still remain on the ground."

LOCAL RAILWAY MATTERS

H. C. Groat, superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., returned home last night after a trip of inspection along the line, as well as after having gone over the section of the Valley Railway between Fredericton and Gagetown. He was particularly well pleased, he said, with his trip over this section, saying that it was in excellent condition.

He was in attendance yesterday at a conference in Gagetown on the establishment of a regular train service between Fredericton and Gagetown. A. R. Gould promised to do all possible in this connection. Mr. Groat was present at the meeting merely by accident, and his visit had nothing to do with any contemplated action by the C. P. R. He had been in Fredericton and was invited to attend. It is believed that a German will be given over the section with rolling stock borrowed from the I. C. R.

SEDERQUEST BODY NOT FOUND

BU. SEA GIVES UP LIFE BELT

The body of H. Sederquest, one of the victims of Saturday's drowning accident in Courtenay Bay, has not been found, although the Times learned last night that a life belt, corresponding with the one which Sederquest was wearing, has been found near the Ballast wharf. It is feared that the body drifted out to sea.

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MORE THAN HALF REQUIRED

NUMBER NOW ON THE ROLL

Next Sunday's Church Parade Will See More Than 500 in Church March--Local Military News

Wetmore, who has been one of the provisional officers on home duty, left last night for Quebec, being the fourth to go from the 3rd Regt. C. A. to take instruction there. Men are being taken on the local artillery strength and no difficulty is anticipated in securing the required number, about ninety. Any surplus will be sent to the front.

Excellent work has thus far been accomplished by the officers of No. 7 Co. Army Service Corps, Major McKean, officer commanding, in recruiting for the transport section to be taken from the maritime provinces, and to be mustered in St. John. More than fifty per cent. of the complement have thus far been obtained and applications from a fine class of volunteers are pouring in from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and even from the states. No announcement concerning the selection of the five officers to be taken with the unit has been made from Ottawa as yet.

Word is expected very soon by Lieut. Col. B. R. Armstrong authorizing a school of instruction for officers in artillery details. It will be attended by about twenty officers, almost all of whom have volunteered for foreign service with the second contingent. Barton

ANOTHER REPORT ON GERMAN OUTRAGES

Belgian Inquiry Commission Tells of Hundreds of People Shot Down

London, Nov. 20--The Belgian commission of inquiry into alleged German violation of the laws and customs of war, has issued another lengthy report which is published today by the British official bureau.

It covers what is described as the "massacre at Tamines," "the sack of Dinant" and "the outrages in the province of Belgium Luxembourg."

The report says that more than 650 persons were shot by the Germans in the village of Tamines. Referring in detail to this alleged massacre, the report describes how a group of between 400 and 450 men were collected in front of the village church. As shooting them down with rifles proved too slow, German officers ordered up a machine gun and those not killed by bullets from this weapon were finished with bayonet thrusts. According to the commissioners, more than 700 of the inhabitants of Dinant were killed.

Eighty-four of these were shot to death on parade square and fifty other outrages they had been detected by the Germans in the province of Luxembourg.

ALL MUST BE IN BEFORE TUESDAY

More Generous Gifts of Tobacco For Soldiers Are Acknowledged

The committee of ladies in charge of the tobacco for the soldiers at the front request that all donations whether of money or tobacco, be sent to Miss Travers during the week ending before Tuesday, as the tobacco must be packed and shipped by that date, as the government has offered to take the boxes to England in a steamer sailing from Quebec next week. The response has been splendidly generous and the committee are rejoicing over the fine assortment of tobacco. The following donations have been received by Miss Travers during the past two days:

Longshorement' Association 25 pounds; 1,000 cigarettes; Knights of Columbus, 18 pounds; R. O'Brien, 10 pounds; Directors of Opera House, 80 pounds; Albert Novelty Co., 400 cigars; Jas. S. Neil, 400 cigars; Mrs. G. Prescott (Empire, printed by mistake, Mrs. Parsons), 1,000 cigarettes.

ST. JOHN BOYS IN OTHER PARTS OF CANADA WHO GO TO BATTLE

Word of St. John boys volunteering for foreign service is being received from different parts of Canada. His friends here will be interested to know that Frank W. O'Connor, formerly of the news staff of the St. John Sun, has volunteered in Kingston, Ont., and been accepted for service with the 21st Battalion being organized there. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Connor of Cedar street.

L. Cox, formerly of Sea Dog Cove, N. B., has volunteered with the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver, B. C. where he has been for the last four years.

Sergeant J. Fitzgerald, a South African veteran, formerly of this city, is with the Canadians in the first contingent at Salisbury Plain. His mother, Mrs. M. J. Northrup, of 48 Crown street, has received a letter from him describing affairs there, and speaking of his pleasure in again being on active service. Sergeant Fitzgerald was at the time of his joining in Calgary, where he had been for two years, and it was with a regiment from that city that he went to the front.

EIGHT TO THE WAR

Five other employees of the Canadian Express Company in the maritime provinces have enlisted with Canada's expeditionary forces. Four of the men are from the Halifax office--L. M. Southgate, J. E. Westerman, H. J. P. Hills and J. R. Law, and the fifth is a messenger from Sydney, J. W. Rose. This makes a total of eight former employees of Canada's forces.

NO INFANTRY ATTACKS;

BIG GUN FIRE LESS VIOLENT

Weather in Northern Fighting Section Very Bad--Abandoned German Guns Found in Water

Paris, Nov. 20--The French official communication issued this afternoon says:

"The day of November 19 was marked by the almost total absence of infantry attacks on the part of the enemy, at the same time their artillery fire was much less violent than on the afternoon of November 18.

"To the north, the weather has been very bad, and snow has fallen. All the region of the Yser canal, to the East of Dinant, is invaded by the waters. In front of Ramscapelle we have withdrawn from the water two 165 millimetre mortars abandoned by the Germans. There has been a very faintly intense artillery fire to the south of Ypres.

"On the centre there have been no important actions to report. In the Argonne, three vigorous attacks on the part of the enemy's infantry have been repulsed.

"On our right wing the Germans have recaptured the destroyed section of Chavrouet. Further to the east we have made some progress."

THE BRITISH

London, Nov. 20--From the British general headquarters at the front comes a further account of the fighting along the British lines covering the period from November 13 to 16. In this recital it is declared that the situation so far as it relates to the British, has not altered in that time.

The engagements consisted, for the most part, of shelling at long range and the violent German attacks, which had previously been so persistent, had not been resumed.

That several close encounters occurred, however, is indicated by references to heavy losses, and the admission that the Germans had succeeded in penetrating the British lines at one or two points, only later to be driven out.

WINTER CHECKS FIGHTING

Bruges, via St. Lo, London, Nov. 20--Quiet reigns in West Flanders. The sudden and violent coming of winter has caused a suspension of hostilities. The Yser region now has a temperature of that of the New England coast on a bleak, wintry December day. In this weather the armies are compelled to live in the devastated territory, where there are no houses to give shelter or warmth. Physical numbness, not military exhaustion, has caused the temporary lull in the battle. Many cannons and automobiles have been lost in new inundations.

GERMANS MAY TRY ANOTHER PLAN

Bruges, via St. Lo, London, Nov. 20--Large bodies of German engineers have been seen passing toward the front, according to information received here, and it is believed that the Germans are planning to cross the inundated country by scientific engineering methods.

In the meanwhile the western storm continues and the waters of the North Sea are sweeping inland through the six big locks at Nieuport.

German Steamer Sunk

London, Nov. 20--The Daily News states that news has been received that the Hamburg-American liner Ekbatana has been sunk in the Persian Gulf. There are no details of how this was accomplished.

German Break Parole

The Hague, via London, Nov. 20--Two German officers interested in Holland, who had given their word of honor that they would not attempt to escape, have broken their parole, and crossed the German frontier, according to announcement made here.

Calve Sings for Wounded

New York, Nov. 20--Emma Calve, opera singer, is serving with the Red Cross in France, and soothing the wounded with song. She made this statement in a letter written to a friend in this city.

Their Own Consul Wounded

London, Nov. 20--An Amsterdam despatch to Reuters says that during the bombardment of the Turkish port of Trebizond, on the Black Sea, by the Russian fleet, the Russian consulate was demolished and the consul was severely wounded.

Austria's War Loan

Venice, via Paris, Nov. 20--The subscriptions to the Austrian war loan during the first two days aggregated 700,000,000 crowns (about \$170,000,000). The announcement of Austrian victories over the Serbians, it is said, greatly stimulated public investments. The Imperial M. P.

WOULD ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN CANADA

Montreal, Nov. 20--Palmerston W. C. T. U., yesterday, passed a resolution that capital punishment should be abolished in Canada. This was the outcome of a meeting at which addresses in favor of the abolition of hanging were given by the Rev. W. D. Reid and Robert Rickard.

Great Battle in West Poland; Three Points of Attack on Russians

Berlin Has No Official News But Says Fight Overshadows Contest in France and Belgium--Russian Ruse in Their Retreat?

Berlin, Nov. 20--The great battle in West Poland is in full progress. Official reports state that no decision has yet been reached but otherwise, no definite details of this titanic struggle are known here. It far overshadows the fighting on the west frontier.

The engagements previously reported eastward of the Masurian Lakes, at Sals, of Gorn-Wioldawek and Cracow seem to have been merely preliminaries to a general engagement along the whole line. The Russian mainline marches fighting northward of Lodz, while the Austrians report the advance of their army engaged in the centre along north and south lines. Hence it seems that the Teutonic allies are leveling a concentric attack from three directions against the Russian forces.

RUSSIAN RETREAT A RUSE

London, Nov. 20--The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Petrograd, says:

"A certain amount of apprehension was felt here with regard to the situation in northwest Russian Poland, but it has been obliterated by the latest general announcement, taken in conjunction with other authoritative information regarding the fighting of the last few days.

"The mere fact of the commander-in-chief admitting that the Russian troops are falling back on the river Bzura, suggests that this step is being taken deliberately for strategic reasons.

"It is to their advantage to entice the enemy as far as possible into the region of torn up roads, wrecked bridges and devastated railways, which he left behind him, on his retreat from the Vistula, for they can beat him with much more ease and comfort when he is separated from the well organized system of communications in his own country."

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

Synopsis--A severe storm is situated off New England, causing heavy gales and snow in Quebec and the maritime provinces. In the west milder weather prevails.

Colder With Snow. Maritime--Heavy east gales with rain; Saturday, strong winds and gales; rest of the week, a little colder with snow showers.

New England forecasts--Rain, probably turning to snow tonight; colder; Saturday, fair and colder; fresh north-west winds.