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STORY OF THE BRITISH ARMY STORES SCANDAL

Over a Million Pounds Was Lost to the Nation Through Mismanagement—Lack of Intelligence Was the Principal Cause.

If it were not for the seriousness of the issue, the loss to the British taxpayer, and the severe condemnation of the war office and army officers of all ranks, the report of the British war stores commission, which has been sitting for some time past and has just published its report, would be amusing. The actual loss to the public through the mismanagement of the stores transactions in South Africa, after the war had closed, cannot be definitely stated; but after elaborate counting the commissioner says: "Leaving out of account the loss of £752,857 (under the head of shrinkage, shortage, had, condemned, destroyed by fire, etc.), all of which we treat as unavoidable under the circumstances, we estimate the total preventable loss to the home taxpayer during the twenty-two months after the peace as somewhere between three-quarters of a million and one and a quarter million."

COL MORGAN'S RECALL. Again, the circumstances of the recall of Colonel Morgan "afford a striking illustration of the absence of intercommunication, of common action or of common interest between the different departments of the war office." As to the delay in the war secretary learning of Colonel Morgan's return, the commission hopes that steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of such an incident. "The most critical moment in the administration of the supply system the financial adviser was removed and the duties of director of supplies transferred from a qualified officer to one wholly without local experience or knowledge of the work. The relieving features of the report are few. As to Lord Kitchener's experience in the local contract system, the commission says the event proved that he overestimated the sale value of his supplies and underestimated their amount, adding, "no blame can fairly be attributed to any one."

DEVICES OF CONTRACTORS. As against a black list of fraudulent devices by contractors, the report acquires practically all the officers of any charge of corruption. On the other hand, payment by contractors to non-commissioned officers were frequent. This was brought out during the evidence before the commission already published. In the same way the public learned of the contract scandals with which the report deals in detail. A series of extracts is herewith given, which shows fully the mind of the commission. We find no evidence to show that any fraudulent conspiracy between Colonel Morgan and Meyer and Frank Morgan (Colonel Morgan's brother), ever existed. While dismissing this serious charge, we are constrained to say that Colonel Morgan's conduct in arranging for his brother's employment at a large salary in South Africa is open to grave comment. We are of opinion that the arrangement with Meyer for the employment of Frank Morgan was contrary to the spirit and letter of the King's regulations. We feel compelled to add that Colonel Morgan can hardly complain if his conduct in these matters has given rise to grave suspicion. It is plain that no prudent person would have accepted the tender of Meyer, Limited.

CONTRACT WAS UNIQUE. A comparison of the tenders should have been inevitable at Pretoria, and immediately suggested doubts to any officer of average vigilance and intelligence. The whole transaction is quite inexplicable; the blame must rest on Col. Kitchener. "The reasons," says the report, "which induced the war office to abandon arrangements that Lord Kitchener had considered necessary are not obvious."

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MORAN WOULD SHOW THEM HOW TO STOP LYNCHING. Says He Would Put An End to It in Massachusetts and Other States. Might Follow That Example.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Oct. 19—John B. Moran addressed an audience in city hall tonight in the interests of the campaign for the governorship of Massachusetts. In discussing various planks in the Republican platform he said, among other things: "I'll see to it that when I am governor there will be no lynching done in Massachusetts, and if in 1908 they want the Massachusetts governor to show them how to stop lynching all over the country, I'll show them how to do it." Many of Mr. Moran's auditors took this remark as following out an intimation contained in his speeches delivered in Marlboro and Natick last evening that he might be a candidate for the presidency. Speaking later of comparisons made by the Governor and York and Massachusetts, Mr. Moran reiterated his statement previously made, that the issue in Massachusetts is neither Bryan, Hearst or Hughes. "My interests," said Mr. Moran in this connection, "are antagonistic to both Bryan and Hearst." Other speakers were ex-Congressman George Fred Williams and Joseph F. O'Connell, Democratic candidate for Congress in the tenth Massachusetts district.

AGED POSTMASTER AT JACKSONVILLE DEAD.

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 20.—E. S. Carr, the aged and respected postmaster of this place, passed away at one o'clock this morning. Just a week ago the old gentleman received a severe injury by the breaking of his right leg, with the result that he has never gained consciousness since the accident. The funeral will take place on Sunday. Mr. Mallory, senior, was buried on Thursday, the funeral being conducted by Rev. C. T. Philips. Mr. Mallory was widely known and was nearly ninety years of age, retaining his faculties until near the last.

ROME HOLDS THE HIGHEST TRUMPHS AGAINST SPAIN.

ROME, Oct. 19.—The Vatican is showing great indifference in the matter of the anti-clerical threats of the Spanish government, declaring that nothing as any real attempt to injure Roman Catholic interests in Spain might be drawn by the prohibition of the Carlists to move against the present monarchy. This, it is declared, would mean civil war. IF YOU ARE WELL BRED. You will be kind. You will try to make others happy. You will not be shy or self-conscious. You will never indulge in ill-natured gossip. You will never forget the respect due to age. You will not swagger or boast of your achievements. You will think of others before you think of yourself. You will be scrupulous in your regard for the rights of others. You will be as appreciative to your social inferiors as to your equals and superiors.



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tion of such magnitude Lord Kitchener was not invited by the War Office to discuss the matter with the responsible authorities. The initial error committed by General Lyttelton and his supply officer in regard to the system set as the experiment with Lord Kitchener intended, but as stamped with his authority and to be carried through without consideration of cost. The General and the director of supplies were not justified in assuming honesty not only in the contractor, but also in all his agents. The business of the office of the director of supplies was conducted with inexcusable carelessness and extraordinary ineptitude, and that of the pay department with a want of intelligence that is deplorable. The duty of watching the progress and working of the system, for the neglect of which we consider that the General Officer Commanding (Lyttelton) cannot entirely escape responsibility. The short experience of officers holding important posts is an important consideration. Those who have had to conduct disputes with the agents of an unscrupulous contractor, in which they received no assistance worth the name from the head office. In knowledge of the elements essential to a contract the Director of Supplies and his assistants appear to fall short of the average layman. At some of the local stations there were careful and vigilant officers, possessed of a regard for the public interest, which was conspicuously lacking at Pretoria. Wilful destruction (of necessary documentary evidence) by interested persons. As to the transactions between the army (Lord Kitchener) and the Repatriation Department (Lord Milner), the report, not referring to these individuals, says: We think the two departments were too much disposed to regard themselves as rivals, each trying to get the better of the other, rather than as administrators for the benefit of the British taxpayer. There are indications that this development on the part of the Army Service Corps into a desire to sell to anyone rather than to Repatriation. It takes nerve to advertise successfully, but the profitable results are certain to the advertiser who had sufficient faith in printer's ink to wait till—Successful Advertising, London. West.—Cyrus Curtis, Philadelphia.

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