

Someone Stole Mr. Blair's Memorandum; Borden Called On For an Explanation

Ministers Think It Lateral's Duty to Tell Where He Got It—His Statement.

Ottawa, April 15. — It was not to be expected that the last word had been said on the confidential document stolen from Mr. Blair, and it furnished fuel today for furious flames of party feeling. Mr. Borden, goaded by Mr. Cowan's direct accusation, made a personal explanation, in which he acknowledged having received the document, but said it was handed to him by a gentleman not in the employ of the Government. Anyhow, he questioned whether it was really a confidential paper, as it was the opinion of a public man on a public question. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the issue was as to where the document came from. It was plain to everyone that Blair, the law, and it was Mr. Borden's duty to know how it reached his hands. Hon. Mr. Fielding put the case even stronger, and compared Mr. Borden to a man who had received stolen goods, and asked him to explain where the document came from.

MR. BORDEN'S STATEMENT.

Mr. R. L. Borden's statement gave rise to one of the keenest and warmest passages witnessed in the House in recent years. The leader of the Opposition complained that Blair had misquoted him. It was true, the unrepentant Hansard made him say, when speaking on April 6, that Mr. Borden had published a private and confidential memorandum to the Privy Council. Mr. Borden said he believed to be a clerical error of Hansard, and so said as he saw it he corrected it. In spite of the fact that the revised edition had been in the hands of members for some time, Mr. Borden showed that he had received a version and had attributed to him a disposition not justified by the facts. So far as the charge of misquoting Blair, Mr. Borden was not in any way concerned. He had never had any communication with Blair, and he had never been a servant of the Government, either directly or indirectly, with regard to any confidential business of the Government, and had never been approached by any civil servant, neither had he obtained the document wrongly, as charged by Mr. Cowan, but he received it from a gentleman not in the confidence or employ of the Government, who gave it to him without any solicitation on his part, that it existed, and without any restriction whatever as to the use which should be made of it. Mr. Borden said he did not look back for some hours after it was placed in his hands. In reference to the report of the proceedings at the Grand Trunk Railway meeting, which had been quoted, the leader of the Opposition asserted that he had mailed it to Mr. Cowan, and that it was not an accurate report he was prepared to apologize to the House. He had before used a document which was not a verbatim report of the meeting, and if it was shown that it was not an accurate report he was prepared to apologize to the House. He had before used a document which was not a verbatim report of the meeting, and if it was shown that it was not an accurate report he was prepared to apologize to the House.

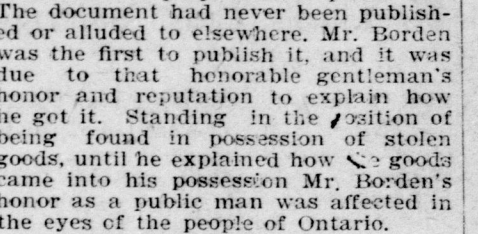
THE PREMIER'S REPLY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, although Mr. Borden had not received the document, said he could not allow the observations of Mr. Borden to pass without comment. The Premier, in the heat of debate, had stated that Mr. Blair had published the memorandum, from which he had quoted, but Mr. Borden had the right to say that he had not uttered the objectionable words, although the document appeared in the Hansard. Mr. Borden would lead to the belief that he had actually been used. Incidentally, Sir Wilfrid testified to the efficiency and regard for the reputation of Mr. Cowan on these matters as absolutely and entirely uncalculated for.

MR. FIELDING'S STATEMENT.

Hon. Mr. Fielding said the point for consideration was not the nature of Mr. Blair's opinions, but the fact that a well-known and understood principle governing private property had been violated. If a man was found in possession of stolen property, the owner would not care to escape from that position. A document bearing on its face "private and confidential" came into the hands of a gentleman, and it did not suggest that gentleman stole it. Mr. Rufus Pope—You dare not, Mr. Fielding. We do not desire to do so. We are more considerate than gentlemen opposite in that respect. Mr. Casgrain protested that Mr. Fielding should be called to account.

MAY BE NOMINATED FOR THE PRESIDENCY



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Chief Justice of the New York State Court of Appeals, New York State's probable choice for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Mr. Parker is a prominent figure in the legal and political circles of New York.

NEW SALON OPENED

Paris, April 16. — The so-called "New Salon" was opened today by President Loubet. The exhibition is fully up to the average in merit. It is a collection of works by various artists, including Sargent's portrait of Lord Ribblesdale, which is particularly noteworthy.

LIEUT. BILSE RELEASED

Strausburg, April 16. — Former Lieut. Bilsé has been released from prison after serving a term of six months. He was arrested last October on a charge of "revealing military secrets."

LOOKS LIKE A BLUFF

Mills of Canadian Woolen Company Still Taking Orders. Montreal, April 16. — In direct contradiction of the announcement made by the Canadian Woolen Mills Company that they intended closing down their various mills, a request has been received from the company by all the leading customers soliciting orders. One of these requests, as received by the J. W. Peck Company, shows clearly that the company intends continuing operations. It is as follows: "To avoid misunderstanding, we take this means of informing you that our company are still taking orders, and that they intend closing down their various mills, a request has been received from the company by all the leading customers soliciting orders."

WILL GO ELSEWHERE

London, April 16. — Mr. Winston Churchill, the Conservative who represents the Conservative in the House of Commons, announces that he will not stand for re-election in that constituency because the Liberal candidates there are so good free traders as he is himself. He will seek another seat, probably the northwestern division of Manchester.

BARRED FROM COMMUNION

Suffolk, Va., April 16. — Rev. Dr. Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, has caused consternation among members of his flock by issuing a manifesto withdrawing the communion cup from holders of lottery tickets. Rev. Mr. Tuttle, during the progress of a series of evangelistic meetings, invited believers to come to the communion, but declared that the lips of those who held tickets of chance should place their lips to the cup.

FIVE INCHES IN TORONTO

Toronto, April 16. — The observatory reports that the snowfall here last night amounted to between four and five inches. Although today is bright and clear, the snow remains, and probably will last two or three days.

CHAMBERLAIN HOME

London, April 16. — Joseph Chamberlain, the former colonial secretary, and Mrs. Chamberlain arrived in London yesterday and were given a warm welcome. Both are in excellent health and greatly enjoyed their tour.

THE WAR NEWS.

Admiral Togo is still at Port Arthur and Friday subjected the fortress to a prolonged and heavy bombardment. The Russian replied vigorously, two of the enemy's cruisers being injured. The Times correspondent, who is cruising off the coast of Korea, and whose dispatches are generally reliable, cables that the entrance to Port Arthur has been blocked. A rumor from St. Petersburg says an army of 12,000 Japanese, under cover of a fleet, attempted a landing to the west of the Yalu River, but was driven back to the transports. A large army of Russians is massed along the right bank of the Yalu prepared to check any attempt of the Japs to cross. Two Jap officers of the general staff disguised as Tibetan Lamas have been arrested near Harbin. In their possession was a large quantity of explosives, which they confessed to be used in the destruction of bridges on the Manchurian railroad. Admiral Skrydloff has been appointed to succeed Makaroff at Port Arthur.

DUEL FOUGHT IN CHURCH

One Combatant Killed and a Child Crushed to Death in the Panic. Guadalajara, Mexico, April 16. — While a priest was celebrating mass and the edifice was thronged with people, Sebastian Chavez and Primitivo Medina stood in the center of the church at Tamasopo, a town in the southwestern part of this state, and engaged in a duel with pistols. Three bullets from Medina's pistol took effect and Chavez died almost instantly. Medina was only slightly wounded. In the panic that followed, a small child was crushed to death by several women and children were injured.

DISCIPLINE MAY CAUSE A LAWSUIT

Driver of Fire Wagon Determined Not to Pay for Broken Tongue. "Great oaks from little acorns grow," is accepted as gospel nowadays, because, if the assertion is disputed, all you have to do is plant an acorn, wait long enough and lo! there's your tree. So from small beginnings great things come. The driver of a fire wagon, besides great oaks crop up. The other day when Driver Robinson allowed his team to run into a fence and break the tongue of the dragon, nothing very serious appeared to have happened. Later, however, when Chief Clark declared the break to have been caused through the negligence of the driver, the affair appeared in another light. The chief estimated the damage done at \$250, and told the driver that he was responsible for the accident. The driver, Robinson, refused to accept the balance, and it is said, he now threatens to sue for the money, which has been kept back from him.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

London, Saturday, April 16. Sun rises, 6:15 a.m. Moon sets, 7:58 p.m. A storm of great energy, which has moved rapidly eastward from the West Indies, is now centered in Ohio, and a snowstorm prevails in Southern Ontario. The cold wave which set in over the Northwest Territories yesterday is spreading southward behind the storm. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40-50; Calgary, 18-35; Qu'Appelle, 10-28; Winnipeg, 14-30; Port Arthur, 14-32; Parry Sound, 20-28; Toronto, 20-32; Ottawa, 22-32; Montreal, 26-32; Quebec, 16-29; St. John, N. B., 26-40; Halifax, 26-40.

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IT WILL PAY TO BE A HERO

Andrew Carnegie Starts a Fund for Life Savers. Five Millions to Benefit Heroes or Dependents of the Heroic Dead. Pittsburgh, Pa., April 16. — It was made known here yesterday that Andrew Carnegie has created a fund of \$5,000,000 for the benefit of the dependents of those who have saved lives in heroic effort to save their fellow men, or for the heroes themselves if injured only.

IN UNITED STATES AND CANADA \$3,000,000 LOSS IN SEOUL FIRE

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	\$26,688,788	\$30,247,704
Customs	\$3,911,377	\$3,765,404
Excise	\$3,119,455	\$3,487,516
Postoffice	\$2,265,025	\$1,270,790
Public works	\$2,612,003	\$2,684,150
Miscellaneous		
Totals	\$46,597,241	\$51,403,567
Expenditures	\$31,668,085	\$32,661,254