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Bourlamaque Gold Mine

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,—I would appear that Mr. Francis J. Hunter does not quite realize his position. A very large sum of money—amounting to \$40,000 to \$50,000—has been invested by Newfoundlanders in a reputed gold mine in the Province of Quebec. It is not an exaggeration to say that this money has been subscribed solely upon the faith of representations made by Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter admits that the questions asked in my previous letter are "most reasonable." I submit that it is not sufficient for him to intimate that he is prepared to reply to me privately. He has stated in print that he is here for the purpose of giving the fullest information regarding the investment. If he has nothing to hide why does he not take the public into his confidence?

In a lengthy letter, published by Mr. Hunter last week the statement is made that "a prominent and popular Newfoundland has been appointed to the Directorate" of his Company, the inference being that the appointment will inspire confidence in the investing public. Who is this mysterious gentleman, whose name apparently can only be privately divulged?

If the mine is working night and day, as Mr. Hunter states in his letter, there surely can be no objection to announcing the average monthly output of ore, the estimate of value, and the expense of mining the same. I am of course referring more particularly to the Bourlamaque mine, in which Newfoundland money was invested, and not to the Union mine.

The latter, according to Mr. Hunter's letter, has absorbed Bourlamaque, but if we are to believe the statement in the last letter received by the shareholders from Maloney, Allerton & Co., Bourlamaque has merely acquired a controlling interest in Union. The two statements do not quite tally.

A rather disquieting rumour has been current of late to the effect that the money subscribed in Newfoundland did not go into the Treasury of the Mining Company, but into the pockets of Maloney, Allerton & Co., that firm being reported as having unloaded here a large block of stock allocated to them as the original promoters of the mine, and for which they presumably did not pay cash. If this rumour is untrue Mr. Hunter should lose no time in giving it public, not private, denial.

Messrs. Maloney, Allerton & Co. have apparently now disappeared from the scene, their place being taken by a new company, Francis J. Hunter & Co. Ltd., who are described as "sole underwriters." Mr. Hunter is announced as Vice President and Director. Who is the President? and why has Mr. Hunter lent his name to a corporation of which he is not the head? He was "President" of Maloney, Allerton & Co. Is the new Company merely the old firm under another name?

In writing this letter I desire to say that I make no reflection on Mr. Hunter. In the advertisement which appeared in the Press announcing his present visit he is described as "our old friend, the former manager of the Bank of Montreal." These words would alone give investors confidence, but in addition Mr. Hunter has had long experience in the commercial world, he belongs to the old conservative school of finance and his reputation for integrity stands high. It is because of that reputation—a reputation upon which large sums have been invested by Newfoundlanders—that I hope he will at once furnish to the public the information asked for, and so dispose of the rumours which for some time have been in circulation regarding the Bourlamaque Gold Mine.

Yours truly, SCRUTATOR. St. John's, Nov. 2, 1925.

Haden Guest Shows His Appreciation

BACK FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

The twelve members of Parliament who went to Newfoundland—be careful how you pronounce the name in their presence—have now returned to London bursting with facts about fish, lumber, electricity, paper pulp, and all the other things the island specialists know.

"To show how complete our education was," said Dr. Haden Guest yesterday afternoon, "let me tell you that we spent two whole days fishing. All day long we sat, with the patience of Job. But only one of us got a bite, and he was a Labour member. And then he was so excited that he forgot what he had to do to land the salmon, and he lost it."

And finally, when they had had enough of angling, they were gently told that they had been fishing out of season. Their hosts apparently did not want to appear inhospitable, and when the M.P.'s suggested fishing they did not like to say them nay. (Considering that our Fisheries Guest left the country on Sept. 5th, it would appear that someone had been pulling the doctor's leg.)

SUCCESS WITH THE LADIES.

They had dinner with the lumbermen, and a very good dinner it was too, according to Haden Guest—pork and beans, and dull and "cody" (very thick treacle).

Then we went on to Grand Falls, and lived in a house designed by Lutyens, and had a wonderful time seeing the paper-making machinery. In the evening a dance was given in our honour, and we M.P.'s seemed to cut all the local gallants out of the picture. Ben Smith was the only non-dancer. William Lunn, ex-President of the Board of Trade, was the greatest attraction. He gave us all a lesson on the right way to hold a lady in the ballroom.

ORATORICAL RECORDS. But it wasn't all as easy as that. At St. John's they had a perfect orgy of public dinners and luncheons. The dinners began at nine o'clock, and they used to ask for five speakers, each to speak for three-quarters of an hour. The dinner lasted till three in the morning.

THE MOTION CARRIED. Sir Patrick McGrath told Dr. Haden Guest a story of a man who, as a reward for political services, was appointed a paid magistrate. His knowledge of law was limited, but he remembered Parliamentary procedure, and knew that if a resolution was moved, it had to be seconded.

A case came before him in which the prosecutor made out a rather serious charge. The defending counsel got up and said he wished to ask the judge to discharge the defendant altogether. "I move, sir, for his discharge," said the counsel.

THE MAGISTRATE PRICKED UP HIS EARS, and recalling his political days, said "Does anyone second this motion." The defending counsel nudged the prisoner's father. "I do," said he. The motion was declared carried, and the prisoner was discharged.

PETER PAN II. It is not only our adventurous M.P.'s who face the unknown perils of Newfoundland. Sir George Frampton, too, has returned safely from the same voyage. He went over to be present at the unveiling of the replica of his Kensington Gardens Peter Pan, which he had made for St. John's.

I don't think Sir George also shared a lumberman's dinner. If he did, it may have reminded him of the days when he shared with Anging Bell a shed in Cambewell, which they prosaically called their studio. They used to prepare their own meals, with Anging Bell as chief cook and Frampton as assistant.

Communism in Canton

For nearly a year, or ever since the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen went to North China, we are told, Canton has been under the control of Chinese Communists, who are "thoroughly infected with the virus of Bolshevism." But this is a very different fact from an "all-Bolshevik China," say certain Chinese writers, who admit, nevertheless, that the Bolsheviki hold on Canton in of grave importance.

Their leader at present is said to be General Chiang, Commandant of the Whampoa cadets from the Red military school of that name. Russian anti-Bolshevik editors, who publish their journals in Europe at a safe distance from their homeland, are particularly emphatic about the grip that the Bolsheviki have on Canton and the province of Kwangtung, in which it is located. They maintain that the Government of South China, as it is usually called, has always shown sympathy for the Russian Soviet Government and the Russian Communist party. They charge that ever since this Government was founded by the late Sun Yat Sen, famous chief of the Kuomintang party, it has been undergoing a slow evolution into radicalism. These Russian writers also remind us that in 1924 the army of the Southern Government was commanded by General Pavlov, a Bolsheviki officer and a former adversary of General Denikin and of General Wrangel.

This Southern Government of China, it is alleged, often resorts to "requisitions" and "expropriations" after the Bolsheviki manner, and it is said to improve its financial condition it sold religious properties at public auction.

It is charged, too, that this Government has organized various demonstrations of sympathy with Soviet Russia, and that the Canton region shelters all the Communist agitators in China. The military school of Whampoa is said to be really a school of Communist propaganda, whose acting director is Borodin, a noted Russian Communist, who is described as an influential adviser of the Southern Government. What is meant by this charge is that besides military science, the young men at this school are taught social science according to the lights of Bolsheviki theory. It is true, these anti-Bolshevik-Russian journals admit, that the Canton Government is weak and

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controls only one-third of the Kwangtung Province, while exerting no great influence on Chinese affairs in general. Yet the conclusion is drawn that because the Soviet Russian press always speaks of the Canton Government with such warmth and always with such indignation outlaws its enemies, the political importance of this pro-Bolshevik nucleus in China must not be underrated. A famous Bolsheviki foreign agent, Karl Radek, writes in the official organ of the Russian-Communist party, the Moscow Pravda, that Canton has been "the center of the revolutionary movement in China ever since the Chinese revolution." And he speaks of the Government as "the first peasant and proletarian Government in China." Mr. Radek tells us further that the radical policy of the Canton Government has caused a split in the Kuomintang party, and he adds:

"The bourgeois elements of the Kuomintang have separated from the radical and revolutionary elements. While the latter have sought the support of the workers, peasants, small traders and artisans, the former have turned to the big industrialists and business men. The radicals preach a pitiless struggle against international imperialism, but the moderates dream of forming an alliance with it. However, this division of the party can not be completed in a brief space of time, and it is still under way."

The very fact that Canton has become the center of the most revolutionary group in China, Mr. Radek goes on to say, explains why it excited such hatred on the part of the British imperialists, and he informs us also that:

"Canton has become the headquarters of labor organizations and of the labor movement in all the islands of the Pacific. In Canton took place the first conference of seamen of the Pacific, in which sailors of China, of the Philippines, of Hawaii, and of British and Dutch Pacific colonies took part. Moreover, the strategic position of Canton and its proximity to Hongkong, a center of important British interests, make the existence of the Southern Government dangerous to British imperialism."

The Peking Daily News advises us that Gen. Cheng Chingming is trying to dislodge the Bolsheviki from Canton, the sympathy of the authorities in Peking is naturally with him, and it goes on to say:

"Reports have been current lately in the vernacular press to the effect that in order to give support to General Chen's campaign against the Canton Bolsheviki, the Government will issue a mandate, proclaiming the crimes of the Canton Reds and announcing the decision of the Government to start a punitive expedition against them. According to the World Evening Post, the report is not exactly correct. "Since the ascendancy of the Bolsheviki in Kwangtung, the Government has received petitions from different quarters, asking the authorities to start a punitive expedition against the Kwangtung Reds, but the authorities do not consider such a step advisable, because it would involve the Government in further factional strife, which is going on between the parties in Kwangtung. The Government, however, has fully realized the gravity of the situation in the country created by the presence of Bolsheviki agents, who have been responsible for all the disturbances and labor unrest throughout the country. In order to put an effective stop to the pernicious activities of the Bolsheviki agents, the Government is contemplating the promulgation of a set of regulations relating to the suppression of Bolsheviki activities in the country."

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