

DENY DEAL MADE FOR BRANT HOUSE

Management States Hospital Commission Abandoned its Negotiations for Acquisition.

The World has received a letter from representatives of A. B. Coleman, proprietor of the Brant House, Burlington, to the following effect:

"Our attention has been drawn to an item in your paper of July 18, on page 5, headed, 'M.H.C. Takes Over Burlington Hotel.' We are instructed by Mr. A. B. Coleman, the proprietor of the hotel, to say that the military hospitals commission has not taken over the Burlington Hotel, and that the whole of the article complained of, and particularly the following paragraph, namely: 'The circumstances which resulted in the forcible taking over of the Brant House are said to be connected with the alleged failure of the hotel proprietor to live up to an agreement made last Spring when he is supposed to have offered the hotel to the military hospitals commission, negotiations ending in an agreement that the property be taken over at an annual rental of \$7,000. But it is alleged that when the time came to sign the agreement, Mr. Coleman asked for \$12,000, is not in accordance with the facts. This publication has subjected our client to a grave injustice and is seriously injuring him in his business.'"

The simple fact is that the transaction referred to in the article complained of never passed beyond the region of negotiation, and the matter was called off by the military hospitals commission and not by Mr. Coleman, and this not for the reasons stated in the publication but for wholly different reasons."

Yours truly, B. N. Davis & Grasse, the Brant House, Burlington, Ontario.

MAJ. McLEAN GETS SECOND BAR, D.S.O.

Lieut. Turner Wins D.S.O., and Other Canadians Are Decorated for Bravery.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, July 18. — Canadians in imperial, who have been awarded second bar to distinguish service: Maj. Charles Wesley Weldon McLean, Royal Artillery, son of Col. H. McLean, member for Quebec, Sudbury. On two occasions on the same day he went forward with great personal risk into heavy barrage fire to reconnoitre, and the following day led a party under heavy shell fire to extinguish a fire threatening to cause grave casualties, saving guns and ammunition. Distinguished service: Lieut. Jas. Alexander Turner, Royal Scots, belongs to Kingston. He organized an assault on a machine gun emplacement and carried it thru, capturing guns and teams at a very critical moment. He was severely wounded two days later.

Bar to Military Cross: Lieut. William George Barker, Flying Corps, formerly Canadian Mounted Rifles, carried out successful reconnaissance under difficult and dangerous conditions. Military Cross: Lieut. Hugh Dalrymple Alexander, Cameronians, formerly an engineer in Canada, foisted the enemy machine guns and established strong points under intense fire, and was severely wounded. Lieut. Alexander C. Baxter, Scottish Rifles, belongs to Montreal. By foresight and

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, Thursday, July 18.—Idem-Miller expressed dissatisfaction today that the head only had been shot. At noon today it was a garden party under the auspices of down today. Brigadier-General Logie delivered an address. A goodly sum was raised for patriotic purposes.

Businessmen Enter Protest Against Moving Station "B"

Arrangements are being made for the removal of postal station B from King street west, between York and Bay, to the corner of Front and Bay streets. The proposed change has aroused the adverse criticism of business men in the vicinity of the present postal station who feel that business firms will suffer inconvenience as a result. Postmaster Rogers explained that the lease of the King street building had expired, and as it was the intention to use the eastern wing of the building as a post office, the present premises at Front and Bay streets would be temporary. He added that when the permanent quarters were established at the Union Station that branch would handle the bulk of postoffice business. The office on Adelaide street will still be in use, however, and Mr. Rogers will have his office there as usual.

ELECTRIC SHOCK FATAL; JAMES PRENTICE DEAD

In the General Hospital last night James Prentice, 224 West Richmond street, died as the result of an electric shock sustained at the Dominion Paper Box Co., 469 West King street. Prentice was employed on a power machine by the firm and about 6 o'clock last night was focused unconscious under his machine by two other employees, Frank Shields, 24 Morse street, and Arthur Bond, 22 Balloch street. They immediately called the police and Prentice was conveyed to the hospital in the police ambulance, where futile efforts were made to resuscitate him. It is believed by the police that Prentice touched a naked wire under the machine and so received a shock. The body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held.

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gallantry he considered the line. He has since been killed. Lieut. Harry C. Edmonds, Wilshire, son of R. Edmonds of Simcoe. He led his platoon to the enemy wire and placed men in the holes. He was badly wounded and since died. Lieut. Reginald T. C. Hoidge, Flying Corps, School of Ordnance, many occasions has driven down hostile machine guns and has fought in 24 offensive patrols. Lieut. George V. W. Laughton, Northumberland Fusiliers, belongs to Parkhill. During 24 hours on picket he conducted a daylight patrol to the enemy trenches.

DESIRE ACTION ON CONSCRIPTION BILL

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tain a provision respecting the maximum premium to be charged on life insurance policies in the case of soldiers going to the front.

Sir Robert Borden replied that, in the absence of the finance minister, he could make no positive statement, but he knew the subject was under consideration.

A Biskilling Mystery. Hon. Frank Oliver said he had received thru a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Fiddlers," by Arthur Mee, which seemed to be an attack on the liquor traffic in the United Kingdom. He found by the Canadian Gazette that anyone having a copy of this book in his possession was liable to a fine of \$500 and five years' imprisonment. He desired to know what was known and by what authority this book had been placed on the black list by the censor.

Sir Robert Borden: "I am in the same unfortunate position as the honorable member for Edmonton, but I have to some extent relieved myself by giving the pamphlet to one of my secretaries to read for me. I am not sufficiently familiar with the contents to say why it has been censored or under what particular provision of the law."

Mr. Oliver: "I hope until you do read it that members of the house will not be prosecuted for having it in their possession." (Laughter).

Farm Laborer's Scarcity.

Upon the orders of the day being called Mr. Turritt proposed to move the adjournment of the house to discuss a question of urgent public importance, to wit, the scarcity of farm labor in the west. In support of his motion Mr. Turritt read at great length from an article recently appearing in The Manitoba Free Press, which he adopted. The article contained as his own. The harvest would begin in the west, he said, within the next three weeks. There was a startling scarcity of labor for harvesting and threshing. He thought the slackers should be conscripted for work on the farms, and sent from the east to the fields of the west. Alien enemies should also be conscripted and sent to work, and a maximum wage for such labor established. The Province of Quebec, he said, was the seedling season by bringing in several thousand men from the United States, but what one man could seed it required four men to harvest. He thought it might be necessary to close industrial plants for a few weeks to get the necessary labor. Mr. Turritt said that farm laborers would not come this fall to the west from Quebec, because of the feeling that the farm laborers' tabu, more acute in the west than it was in the east. Farmers were paying from three to five dollars a day for help during the harvest, and thousands of women were now working in the fields of eastern Canada. The west, he said, boasted of being the bread basket of the empire, but the east had furnished the cheese and butter for the bread.

This last statement was vehemently denied by Mr. Robb, Liberal member for Huntingdon. He pointed out a sharp with misrepresentations about Quebec that went on in the other provinces. People did not seem to realize that the farm laborers' tabu was more acute in the west than it was in the east. Farmers were paying from three to five dollars a day for help during the harvest, and thousands of women were now working in the fields of eastern Canada. The west, he said, boasted of being the bread basket of the empire, but the east had furnished the cheese and butter for the bread.

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with the business of the hydro-electric. The statute proposed to go back 10 years, and was vicious, retroactive legislation.

Defends Municipalities. Mr. Nesbitt (N. Oxford) disagreed with Mr. Carvell in thinking that municipalities should not have control of their own streets. In the future no such franchise should be granted to the municipalities. He proposed that the Toronto-Niagara Power Company be granted the right to control their own streets, no matter what proper legislation might have been passed years ago by this parliament.

Mr. Carvell (Carleton Place) said that the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission was the biggest public utility of its kind in the world. Vested rights in some cases had to give way to public welfare, and he would therefore support it. The bill was reported from a special committee.

Evasion Charged. Mr. Barnard (Victoria, B.C.) thought sub-section 5 should be stricken out. It was designed to relieve a local situation in Toronto they should say so, but do not pass a law applicable to all Canada. If parliament wanted to take away vested rights of the Toronto-Niagara Power Company, it should do so in many words, instead of passing a sweeping general statute that might affect the rights and property of hundreds of other corporations.

Mr. Sinclair (Guyaboro) supported the Carvell motion, and Mr. Armstrong (East Lambton) opposed it.

Mr. Nickle (Kingston) thought sub-section 5 was dangerous legislation, as also did Judge McKenzie (N. Cape Breton).

Maddonell's Logic. The debate was closed by A. C. Madonell (South Toronto), who proposed that the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario be a masterly manner. He reviewed the long history of the struggle between the city and the electric ring, and the effort of the Toronto Electric Light Company to gain a perpetual franchise by acquiring the charter of the Toronto and Niagara Power Company.

Mr. Carvell's motion to strike out sub-section five was then defeated by a standing vote: ayes, 12; nays, 4; a party vote, except that Mr. Barnard (Victoria, B.C.) and Mr. Green (Kootenay) voted with the Liberals.

Telephone Interchanges. A prolonged debate arose upon the

amend and consolidate the Railway Act. Bilingual Proposal.

Mr. Boulay (Rimouski) asked that the Railway Act be amended as to require the railway companies in the Province of Quebec to employ trainmen and station agents who could speak both languages.

Hon. Frank Cochrane said this was the practice in the government railway system. He thought it a fair rule that all the roads should follow a similar practice on local lines, but it would be unfair to make such a rule apply to every international and transcontinental line that might run a few miles thru the Province of Quebec. He proposed to amend the act entirely within the Province of Quebec.

Grievances of Members. When the clause was reached which required the railway companies to carry members of parliament free on all regular trains, some members objected to the requirement that they must carry certificates. These certificates, they said, were often mislaid and sometimes taken up by the train conductor and not returned.

Mr. Wright (Muskego) found a grievance in the fact that a railway company in his part of the country refused to carry him on freight trains after the harvest there to the western provinces of Canada. The two governments would co-operate in seeing that these laborers came after the harvest there to the western provinces of Canada. The two governments would co-operate in seeing that these laborers returned to the country from whence they came after their temporary employment ceased.

Wails of the West. Dr. Roche said that he had never known a harvest when the west did not claim to be in a terrible condition for want of labor. Last fall the western provinces claimed that they had to have forty thousand men, but they got on very well with 27,000. He hoped the railways would make even a lower rate than usual this year for harvest hands going to the west. The Dominion Government, he said, was co-operating with the governments of the prairie provinces, and there had been a conference at Ottawa last week.

He doubted if it was practicable to conscript slackers, and that some wage for farm labor, that was something for the provinces to deal with, and so far no provincial government seemed inclined to tackle it.

Hon. Frank Cochrane suggested that the 12,900 Canadian soldiers in England, unfit for service in France, should be returned to Canada to help with the harvest.

Hon. Charles Macell thought, in view of the scarcity of labor, military conscription might be suspended.

The debate was continued by Mr. Nesbitt (N. Oxford) and Mr. Thomson (Qu'Appelle). The motion to adjourn was then withdrawn by consent and the house went into committee of the whole on the government bill to

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WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED

THE war has again fallen into a lull on all five of the principal fronts, French, Russian, Italian, Balkan and Turkish. No sign has come from any quarter as to where the next great allied attack will be declared, but the British front presents the greater possibilities, for after operations and the allied public has been waiting for more than a month. The Italians probably require more time yet for siege work at the strong lines before Duino. The Russians show manifestations of a coming effort in Rumania. Von Mackensen is waiting there for the assault with strong forces posted on a 100-mile front between the Carpathians and the Danube.

The Russian situation has developed into a struggle with swollen rivers in the Russian rear and consequently with the Russians fighting at a disadvantage. How long these conditions will last depends on the ability of the Russians to use the roads and to keep their pontoons above the floods. The Dniester River rises annually for a fortnight to six weeks duration. It apparently has risen earlier than expected this year. The actual events on the Lomnitsa front yesterday are few. The enemy attacked the Russians near Novica Village and took a height, but a Russian counter-attack regained it. The struggle has consisted mainly of advanced guard encounters. Light artillery, apparently, comprises the only guns yet in use on either side.

The losses to British merchantmen from German submarines, according to the British admiralty return for the past week, have kept about stationary. Fourteen large vessels, the same number as reported at the preceding week, were sunk, while of smaller vessels, under 1600 tons, the losses were four, or one additional over the previous week's total. The U-boats are continuing their offensive against fishing boats. They destroyed eight last week.

Latest news despatches from the western front continue to show in what desperate straits the enemy is getting for fighting men. In this they merely confirm what thinkers and students of the war long ago foretold, even to the exact month, when the crisis would come in the German reserves. Except for boys of 18 and under and returned wounded, the enemy has dried up his recruiting resources until winter comes and gives him a chance, unless defeated, to recuperate and reorganize his shattered forces for a longer siege. It would not be surprising if the permanent loss of the German army has not already run to more than 6,000,000 men, for outside of the lads under 20, he had originally a recruiting field of more than ten million. He is electing to maintain an army of four to five million men; he has drafted into active five classes in all of boys under 20. He has thus secured at least two million recruits from the lads under normal military age since the war began. When the spring campaign began, the enemy had a little more than a million men behind the army for drafts, including boys. It was the original plan of the allies for this year to wear down the enemy so rapidly that he would cease to replace casualties thru sheer lack of men by this summer. The allies have not yet gained this object, but if they keep on as they have been doing, they will gain it before autumn. September, the culminating month in the campaign, promised to be one of severe crisis for the enemy.

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